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Joe Higgins
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The SHIELD
WITH DUSTY
THE BOY DETECTIVE
ONE NIGHT, THE WEALTHY MR. KAHN IS SET UPON IN HIS OWN HOME BY A BURGLAR.
BY ROVIN AND SHORTEN
HELP! HEL... UGH...
JOE HIGGINS AND DUSTY PASS BY JUST THEN--
HOLY HANNAH! DUSTY- LOOK!
A QUICK TRANSFORMATION AND THE SHIELD FLASHES INTO ACTION.
OWOO!
NEED ANY HELP, SHIELD?
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HANG ONTO HIM, DUSTY!... I'LL SEND MY FRIEND, JOE HIGGINS BACK TO ARREST HIM!
YOU BETCHA, SHIELD!
ONE WEEK LATER...
HEAR YE! HEAR YE!.. THE CASE OF MR. KAHN VS. MR. CLIFF! THE CHARGE, BURGLARY AND ASSAULT WITH THE INTENT TO KILL!
MR. CLIFF YOU'VE BEEN IN THE EMPLOY OF KAHN AND DOBE FOR TEN YEARS! THEY TRUSTED YOU!
NO! THEY TRUSTED NO-BODY! THEY OVERWORKED ME AND UNDERPAID ME. I WAS OVER MY HEAD IN DEBT. MY WIFE WAS GOING TO HAVE A BABY AND I NEEDED MONEY DESPERATE-LY!
MR. HIGGINS! YOU MADE THE ARREST, DID-N'T YOU?
ER...YES! BUT IT WAS THE SHIELD WHO MADE THE CAPTURE!
WE FIND THE DE-FENDANT GUILTY!
TAKE IT EASY, BUDDY!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME, JUDGE! MY WIFE! MY KID! ...I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS! ALL OF YOU! YOU FIRST! I SWEAR IT!
POOR CHAP!
TAKE HIM AWAY! HE'S HYSTERICAL!
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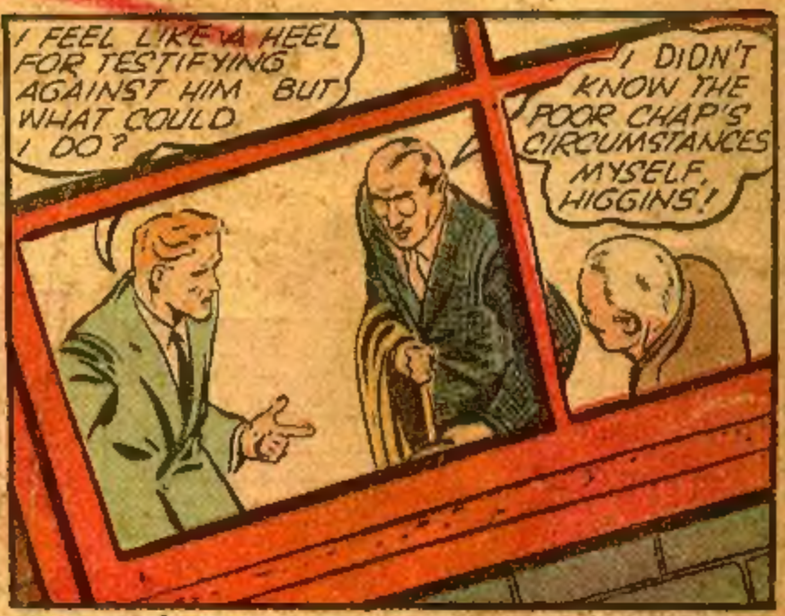
GEE! I FEEL SORRY FOR THAT LAD, MR KAHN!
I HAVE NO SYMPATHY FOR HIM. HE DESERVED IT! BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU MET MY PARTNER, MR. DOBE?
HOW DO YOU DO, MR HIGGINS!


I FEEL LIKE A HEEL FOR TESTIFYING AGAINST HIM BUT WHAT COULD I DO?
I DIDN'T KNOW THE POOR CHAP'S CIRCUMSTANCES MYSELF, HIGGINS!

LOOK HERE, GEORGE! ARE YOU INSINUATING THAT I
WELL, YOU HAVE BEEN HARD ON OUR HELP, JOHN! TOO HARD! AFTER ALL, I AM THE SENIOR PARTNER AND YOU SHOULD RESPECT MY WISHES!

MONTHS LATER!
WARDEN! CLIFF JUST MADE A BREAK!
WHAT! HELLO— HELLO! SOUND THE ALARM!

HEEE
WHEEE!

THE FLEEING FUGITIVE IS OVERTAKEN BY A POLICE CAR AND A RUNNING BATTLE ENSUES
R R RAT TAT

GOT 'EM, TONY! THEY WON'T FOLLOW US NO MORE!

AT THAT MOMENT, IN JOE'S APARTMENT!
IN THE GROOVE SU JU!
SWING IT, BETTY!

FLASH!..FRANK CLIFF HAS JUST MADE A SENSATIONAL PRISON BREAK AIDED BY THE NOTORIOUS GANGSTER, TONY SPOLITO!
WHY WOULD A BIGSHOT GANGSTER LIKE SPOLITO BOTHER WITH SMALL FRY LIKE CLIFF!.. I'M GOING TO THE JUDGE'S AND MAKE SURE HE'S SAFE..! CLIFF THREATENED HIM WHEN HE WAS SENTENCED!
CLIFF ALSO THREATENED THE PARTNERS AND YOU, JOE!
WHILE IN ANOTHER APARTMENT..
OKAY, CLIFF!.. THE JOB'S DONE!..NOW, PAY OFF!
NOT YET!
THERE'S STILL SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS!... JOE HIGGINS, FOR ONE THING!
JOE HIGGINS!..AIN'T THAT THE G-MAN WHO'S SO PALSY-WALSY WITH THE SHIELD!
GREAT GHOSTS!..I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT! WE'VE GOT TO GET HIGGINS ALONE BEFORE HE CAN RING THE SHIELD IN! WAIT A MINUTE! HE'S GOT A GIRL FRIEND, HASN'T HE?
AH!..YOU'RE WORRYIN' ABOUT NOTHIN'! THAT GUY CLIFF DIDN'T MEAN WHAT HE SAID!
MAYBE NOT! BUT I'M TAKING NO CHANCES! S'LONG!
YOU GO TO DOBE'S HOUSE DUSTY, AND THEN KEEP AN EYE ON BETTY.. I DON'T WANT HER GETTING INTO TROUBLE!
CHECK, JOE!

A SPOTTER, WAITING OUTSIDE JOE'S HOUSE, SEES THE G-MAN EMERGE!
YEAH, BOSS!... HE JUST LEFT FOR THE JUDGE'S HOUSE I HEARD HIM SAY!
GOOD! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO NOW!
LATER-
HELLO! WHO? MR. KAHN! MR. HIGGINS JUST LEFT, BUT MR. WATSON IS HERE, YOU CAN SPEAK TO HIM!
I JUST HEARD ABOUT CLIFF'S ESCAPE!... I CALLED UP MY PARTNER, MR. DOBE, BUT THERE'S NO ANSWER! I'M SCARED!
TAKE IT EASY, KAHN! I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!... WITH ME ON THE JOB, YOU'RE AS SAFE AS A BABY WITH IT'S MOTHER!
MEANWHILE -
HERE'S THE JUDGE'S HOUSE!.. SOMEHOW I HAVE A HUNCH SOMETHING'S HAPPENED!
WOW! MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT!
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A NOTE! IT SAYS "I ALWAYS KEEP MY PROMISES! THREE MORE TO GO, DOBE KAHN AND THEN, HIGGINS!"
AT DOBE'S APARTMENT...
MAYBE JU JU'S RIGHT! PROBABLY NOTHING TO THE WHOLE THING!
AFTER SEARCHING THE ENTIRE HOUSE, THE BOY COMES TO THE BATHROOM AND SEES...
THAT'S A FUNNY PLACE TO PUT A NOTE!
JUMPING JACKRABBIT! ...IT'S DOBE! DROWNED!
BUT I HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH MY PARTNER! I SHOULD HAVE HEARD FROM HIM!
YOU'RE ALL UPSET OVER NOTHING, KAHN!
AT THAT MOMENT, BETTY AND JU JU ARRIVE AT KAHN'S HOUSE...
THAT MADMAN, CLIFF LOOSE... MY LIFE THREATENED... AND YOU SAY "NOTHING"!
TAKE IT EASY, WILL YA!
HEY!.. WHAT!..
FREEZE, FLATFOOT!
FREEZE, HUH!.. I'LL FREEZE YOU!
BOP
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GET TOUGH, WILL YA! TAKE THAT!
ZOCK
OOF!
THEN A CRASH OF GLASS, AND ALL TURN TO SEE THE SLIM, HURTLING FIGURE OF THE BOY DETECTIVE..
DUSTY TEARS INTO THE THUGS WITH THE FEROCITY OF AN UNTAMED TIGER!
ULP!
CHIN UP, FELLA!
I GOT ONE OF THEM!
HEY!...IT'S ME YOU GOT, MR. KAHN!... LEGGO! THEY'RE ESCAPING!
DEAR ME!.. I CAN'T SEE A THING WITHOUT MY GLASSES!
NOT A SIGN OF ANY OF 'EM!...A CLEAN GET-AWAY! TOO BAD KAHN GRABBED ME!
NOW DON'T WORRY, MR. KAHN! I'M GONNA BE YOUR PERSONAL BODY-GUARD!
I'LL WAIT FOR JOE AT THE APARTMENT!
UNNOTICED, A CAR SHUTTLES UP BEHIND BETTY....
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JUST AS BETTY IS ABOUT TO ENTER JOE'S HOUSE..
WAIT A MINUTE, SISTER!
WHO?.. WHA....
EASY SISTER 'N YOU WON'T GET HURT!.. YOU'RE COMIN' WITH US!
ULP... GLUG..
THE SHIELD MEETS UP WITH DUSTY
THAT GUY, CLIFF, WORKED FAST ALL RIGHT!.. TOO FAST!
YEAH!.. 'N HE ALMOST GOT KAHN TOO! BETTY AND JU JU ARE STILL THERE!
HELLO MR. KAHN! HELLO JU JU!.. WHERE'S BETTY?
IT'S TIME YOU SHOWED UP!.. BETTY'S WAITIN' FOR YOU AT YOUR APARTMENT!
MR. HIGGINS! I'M IN FRIGHTFUL DANGER! HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE SHIELD YET?
NO!
AND HE AIN'T GOIN' TO EITHER ... I'M TAKIN' CARE OF YOU, MR. KAHN!
SURE!.. YOU'RE SAFE AS LONG AS JU JU'S AROUND!.. WELL, SO LONG ...I'LL GO PICK UP BETTY!
ER.. IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, MR. WATSON... I..AH..MUST KEEP A VERY IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT!
THAT'S OKAY, MR. KAHN!.. BUT I'LL GO ALONG AS YOUR BODY-GUARD!
WHY... ER.. THANK YOU!
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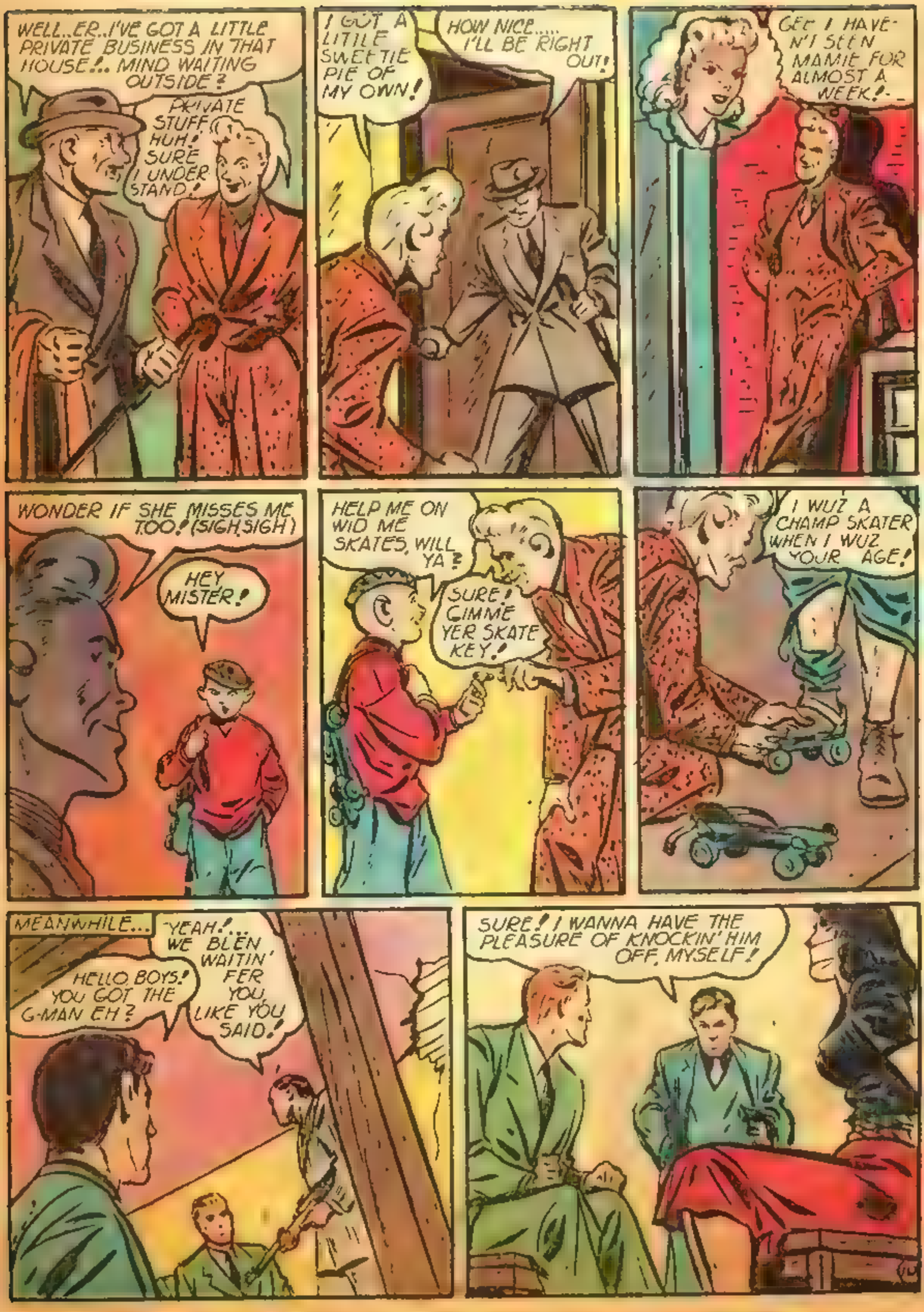
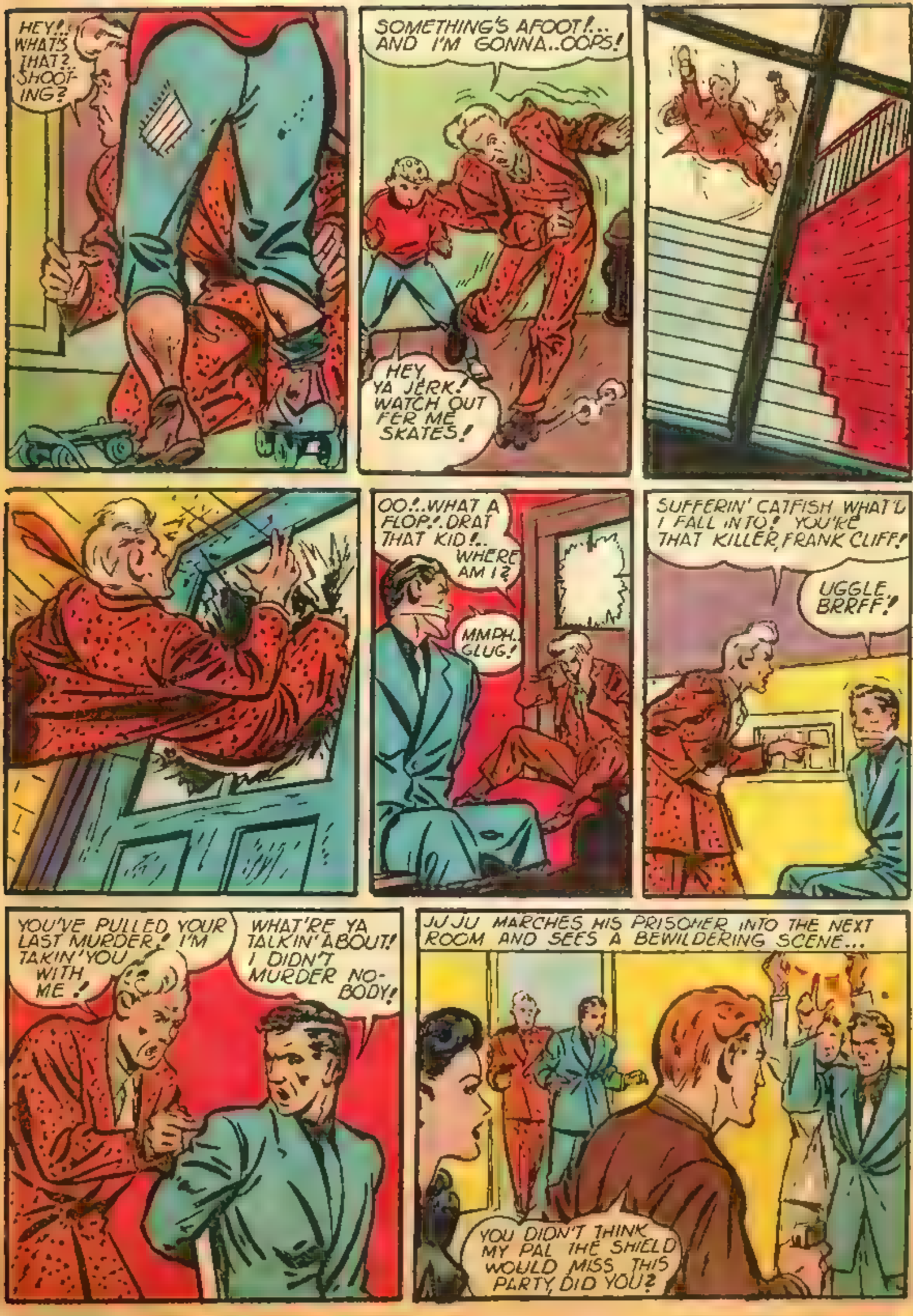
JOE ARRIVES AT HIS APARTMENT..
HM!..I DON'T SEE HER AROUND!
HEY, LOOK JOE!..A NOTE!
We got your girl, Higgins, and if you want to see her alive, come down to 121 Mulberry street. Try to bring the Shield, and still be curtains for both of you!
You know who
OKAY!..I'LL DO JUST AS THEY SAY..EXCEPT FOR THAT SHIELD PART!..NOW HERE'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO, DUSTY!
LET'S HAVE IT, JOE!
LATER..
HERE'S THE HOUSE! WELL... HERE GOES NOTHING!
SEEMS DESERTED!..I WONDER IF THIS IS A GAG OF SOME KIND!
SUDDENLY..
SO YOU DID COME, EH SUCKER? TAKE THAT!
BONG!
YOUR NUMBER'S UP HIGGINS, AS SOON AS THE BOSS GETS HERE!
I CAN HARDLY WAIT TILL HE COMES!
MEANWHILE...
I'LL BE QUITE ALL RIGHT FROM HERE ON, MR WATSON!
NOTHIN' DOIN', MR. KAHN!..I SAID I'D PROTECT YA AND I'M GOING TO!


WELL..ER..I'VE GOT A LITTLE PRIVATE BUSINESS IN THAT HOUSE!.. MIND WAITING OUTSIDE?
PRIVATE STUFF, HUH! SURE I UNDER STAND!
I GOT A LITTLE SWEETIE PIE OF MY OWN!
HOW NICE..... I'LL BE RIGHT OUT!
GEE I HAVE-N'T SEEN MAMIE FOR ALMOST A WEEK!-
WONDER IF SHE MISSES ME TOO! (SIGH,SIGH)
HEY MISTER!
HELP ME ON WID ME SKATES, WILL YA?
SURE! GIMME YER SKATE KEY!
I WUZ A CHAMP SKATER WHEN I WUZ YOUR AGE!
MEANWHILE...
HELLO BOYS! YOU GOT THE G-MAN EH?
YEAH!... WE BLEN WAITIN' FER YOU LIKE YOU SAID!
SURE! I WANNA HAVE THE PLEASURE OF KNOCKIN' HIM OFF, MYSELF!

AND THE GAL GETS IT TOO! I TOLD YOU I'D GET YOU SOME DAY, DIDN'T I? SAY YOUR PRAYERS, G-MAN!
NOW!..WHAT A PICKLE I'M IN.NOW I'VE GOT TO RE-VEAL MYSELF AS THE SHIELD,OR THEY'LL KILL BETTY SURE!
BUT BEFORE THE KILLERS CAN TRIGGER THEIR GUNS -
NO, NO! YOU MUSTN'T TOUCH!
HEY! WHO...
-HE GOT HERE JUST IN TIME! I THOUGHT HE MISSED HIS SIGNALS...
HOW DO YA LIKE THIS CHIN-MUSIC?
WHILE DUSTY'S KEEPING 'EM BUSY, I'LL BE ABLE TO GET INTO MY SHIELD UNI-FORM UN-OBSERVED!
HELLO, BOYS! MORE COMPANY
IT IT'S THE SHIELD
OH! SO YOU WEASELS KNOW ME, EH?
LET'S GET FURTHER ACQUAINTED!
TH...THE 'BULLETS ARE BOUNCIN' OFF HIM LIKE PEAS!


HEY!... WHAT'S THAT? SHOOTING?
SOMETHING'S AFOOT!... AND I'M GONNA..OOPS!
HEY YA JERK! WATCH OUT FER ME SKATES!
OO!..WHAT A FLOP!..DRAT THAT KID!.. WHERE AM I?
MMPH.. GLUG!
SUFFERIN' CATFISH WHAT'D I FALL INTO! YOU'RE THAT KILLER, FRANK CLIFF!
UGGLE BRRFF!
YOU'VE PULLED YOUR LAST MURDER! I'M TAKIN' YOU WITH ME!
WHAT'RE YA TALKIN' ABOUT! I DIDN'T MURDER NOBODY!
JU JU MARCHES HIS PRISONER INTO THE NEXT ROOM AND SEES A BEWILDERING SCENE...
YOU DIDN'T THINK MY PAL THE SHIELD WOULD MISS THIS PARTY, DID YOU?

WHAT IS THIS AM I SEEIN' DOUBLE? THESE GUYS LOOK EXACTLY ALIKE! ARE THEY TWINS? WHO'S WHO?
NO! THERE IS ONLY ONE FRANK CLIFF JU JU!
THIS ONE'S THE PHONEY HMM!.. JUST AS I THOUGHT MR KAHN WITH A RUBBER MASK!
I'LL BE WHAT'S THE GAG?
I KNEW CLIFF WASN'T THE KILLER. THE JUDGE'S BODY WAS COLD WHEN I GOT THERE. HE MUST HAVE BEEN KILLED BEFORE CLIFF HAD MADE HIS PRISON BREAK!
IT WAS YOU WHO HELPED CLIFF ESCAPE, WASN'T IT KAHN? YOU WANTED HIM TO TAKE THE RAP FOR THOSE MURDERS?
YOU MIGHT AS WELL CONFESS... IT'LL MAKE THINGS EASIER FOR YOU!
YES! I'LL CONFESS!
I REALLY WANTED MY PARTNER OUT OF THE WAY! HE WAS BEGINNING TO SUSPECT I WAS DEFRAUDING HIM! I HAD TO MURDER THE OTHERS TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE CLIFF DID IT!
NEXT DAY
HA HA! AND YOU WERE GUARDING THE KILLER!
AH! I WAS NOT!
I KNEW IT WAS HIM ALL THE TIME! I WAS JUST BEIN' CAGY SO'S HE WOULDN'T SUSPECT!.. BLA... BLA BLA
EVERY ISSUE OF PEP COMICS BRINGS YOU THE SHIELD, AND THAT'S THE SAME AS SAYING IT BRINGS YOU THE MOST PULSE-RACING, HEART-STOPPING MOMENTS YOU'LL EVER GET ANYWHERE, ANYTIME! YOU CAN'T GO WRONG WITH THE SHIELD AND DUSTY, THE BOY DETECTIVE!
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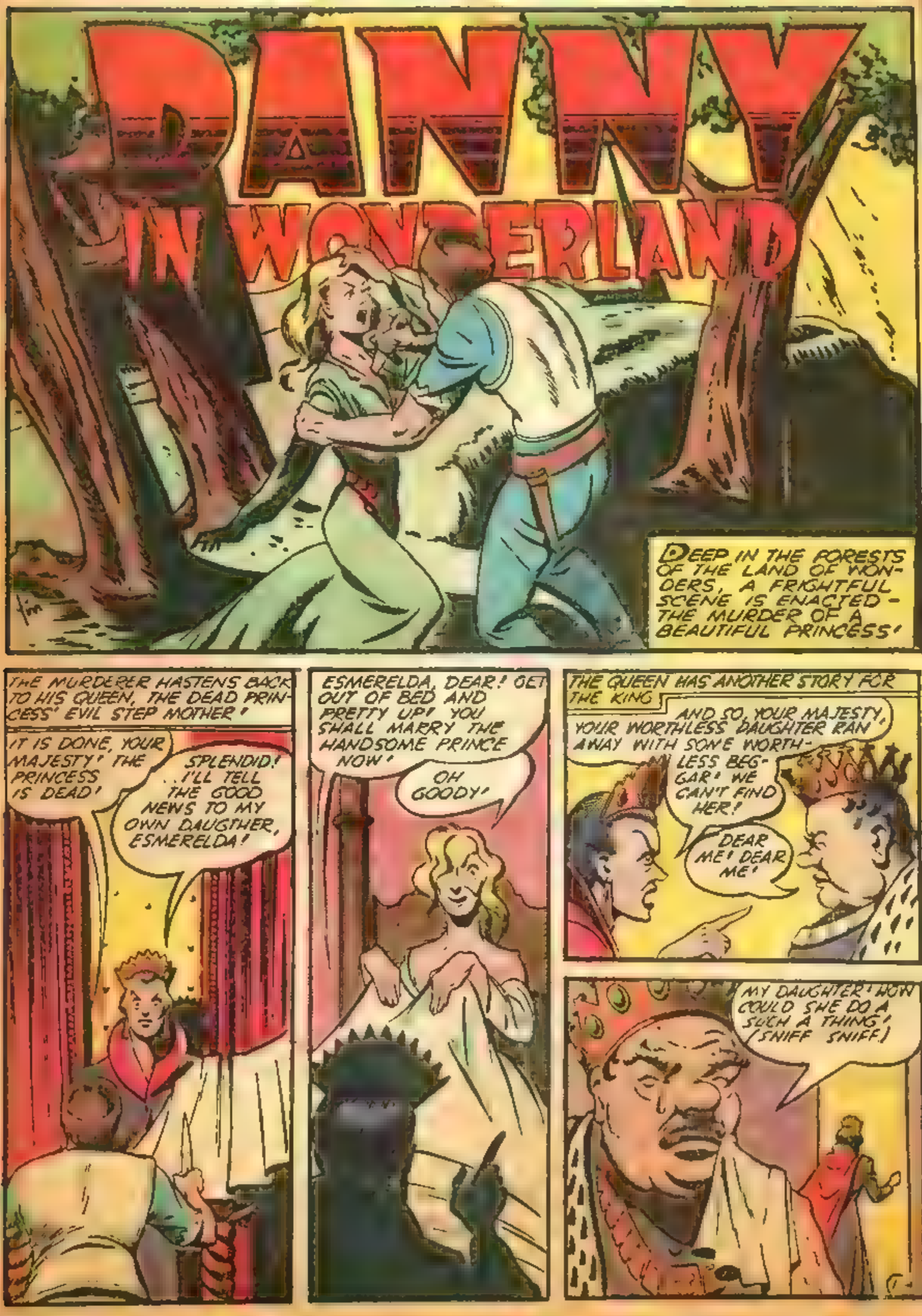
FANNY
IN WONDERLAND
DEEP IN THE FORESTS OF THE LAND OF WONDERS, A FRIGHTFUL SCENE IS ENACTED - THE MURDER OF A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS!
THE MURDERER HASTENS BACK TO HIS QUEEN, THE DEAD PRINCESS' EVIL STEP MOTHER!
IT IS DONE, YOUR MAJESTY! THE PRINCESS IS DEAD!
SPLENDID! ..I'LL TELL THE GOOD NEWS TO MY OWN DAUGHTER, ESMERELDA!
ESMERELDA, DEAR! GET OUT OF BED AND PRETTY UP! YOU SHALL MARRY THE HANDSOME PRINCE NOW!
OH GOODY!
THE QUEEN HAS ANOTHER STORY FOR THE KING
AND SO, YOUR MAJESTY, YOUR WORTHLESS DAUGHTER RAN AWAY WITH SOME WORTHLESS BEGGAR! WE CAN'T FIND HER!
DEAR ME! DEAR ME!
MY DAUGHTER! HOW COULD SHE DO A SUCH A THING! (SNIFF SNIFF)

THIS CURSED MIRROR OF TRUTH THE PRINCESS' FAIRY GOD MOTHER GAVE HER!
ALONE IN HER ROOM THE EVIL QUEEN PLOTS TO DESTROY THE ONE THING THAT COULD BETRAY HER!
IF ANYBODY SHOULD SEE IT, IT WOULD BETRAY ME! BUT I CAN'T DESTROY IT!
THERE IS ONLY ONE THING TO DO. HIDE IT UNDER THIS BOARD IN MY OWN BEDROOM! NO ONE SHALL EVER FIND IT HERE!
BACK IN THE FOREST!
OH, MY SWEET PRINCESS! I, YOUR FAIRY GOD MOTHER, FAILED YOU WHEN YOU NEEDED ME MOST!
THE FAIRY GODMOTHER'S TEARS CAUSE A TREE TO SPROUT OVER THE PRINCESS' GRAVE!
DANNY, KUPKAKE AND SNAPPER ARE WALKING THROUGH THE FOREST ONE DAY.
WHEW! IT'S HOT KUPPIE!
OH BOY! THERE'S A SWELL SHADE TREE!
KUPKAKE SETTLES HIMSELF UNDER THE TREE, WHEN—
HEY... GLUG...
HEY! IT MUST BE RAININ', DANNY!
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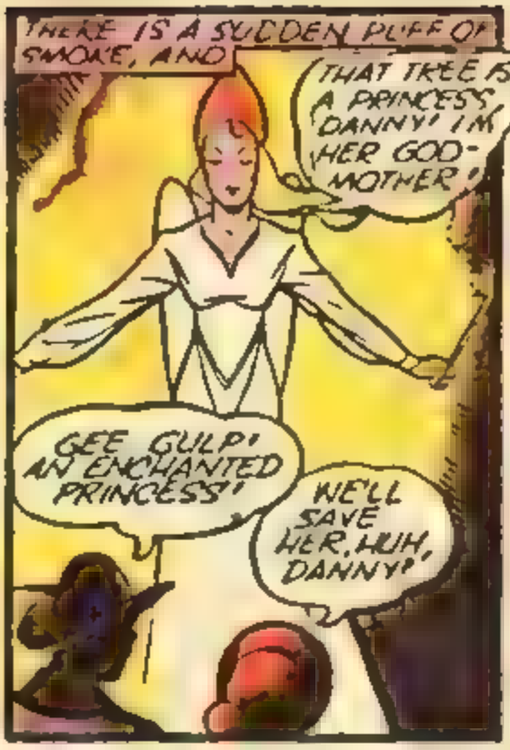
THOSE ARE TEARS, KUPPIE! G. GOSH! IT'S THE TREE! IT'S CRYIN'!
YEAH! 'N IT LOOKS LIKE A GIRL, TOO!


THERE IS A SUDDEN PUFF OF SMOKE, AND
THAT TREE IS A PRINCESS, DANNY! I'M HER GOD-MOTHER!
GEE GULP! AN ENCHANTED PRINCESS!
WE'LL SAVE HER, HUH, DANNY!

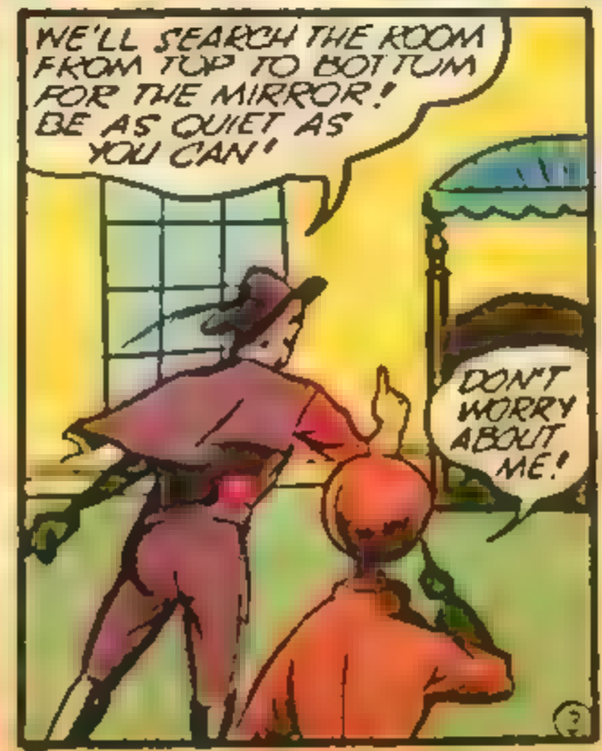
SURE! JUST TELL US HOW, QUEEN
ONLY THE MIRROR OF TRUTH CAN BRING HER BACK TO LIFE! HER WICKED STEP-MOTHER, THE QUEEN HAS IT HIDDEN

THAT NIGHT
THERE'S THE CASTLE NOW! SO FAR, SO GOOD!

HEY DANNY! I'M STUCK ON THIS FENCE!
QUIET! KUPPIE, I'LL GET YOU LOOSE!

SHH! THE GUARDS ARE ASLEEP!
SHH SNAP-PER!

THE QUEEN'S BEDROOM!
OBOY! LET'S GO IN!
YIP! YIP!


WE'LL SEARCH THE ROOM FROM TOP TO BOTTOM FOR THE MIRROR! BE AS QUIET AS YOU CAN!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!

SUDDENLY KUPPIE'S PAWS STEP ON THE LOOSE BOARD, AND-
OOF! GULP!
BONG
ZIP

NOW YOU DID IT! YOU WOKE THEM UP! JUMPIN' JELLYBEANS! A MIRROR! THIS MUST BE IT!
HELP! THIEVES!
OOOO!
RUN KUPPIE, RUN!
I'M RUN-ING!
STOP! COME BACK!
RIGHT BE-HIND YA DANNY! OOF!
HURRY!
GOLLY! KUPPIE SLIPPED! WAIT FER ME!
I CAN'T STOP NOW!
THE GUARDS ARE AWAK-ENED!
WHO ARE THEY? HOW'D THEY GET IN HERE?
I DON'T KNOW!... LET'S GET 'EM!
C'MON! OVER THE FENCE 'N WE'LL BE SAFE!
STOP!
OWOOO!
LET'S GIVE IT TO THIS ONE!
THEY'VE ESCAPED! AFTER THEM! KILL THEM! GET THAT MIRROR BACK!
DON'T WORRY YOUR MAJES-TY! I'LL GET EM!
KEEP RUNNIN KUPPIE! WE'RE NOT SAFE YET
(PUFF, PUFF) I...I'M ORFUL TIRED!
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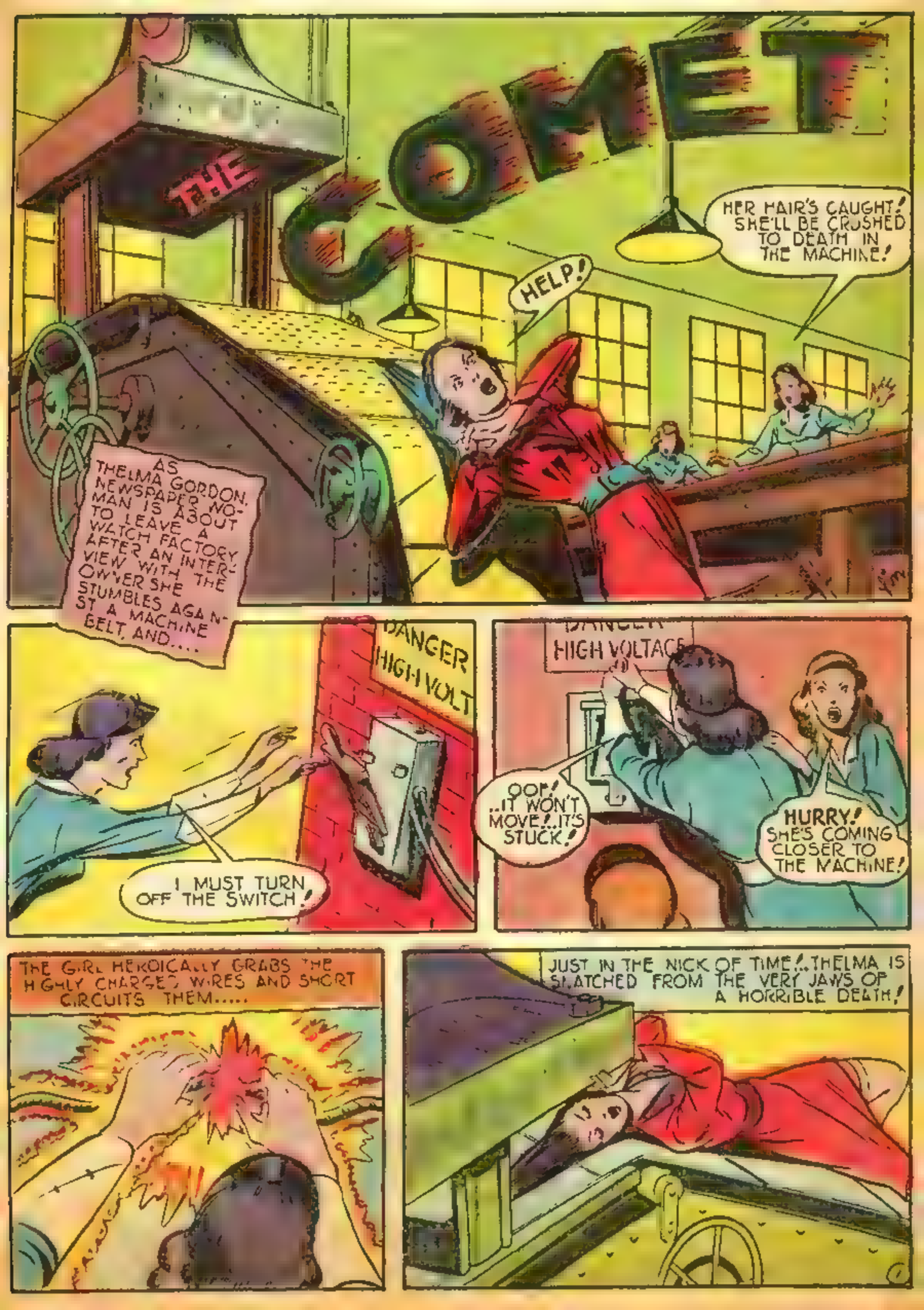
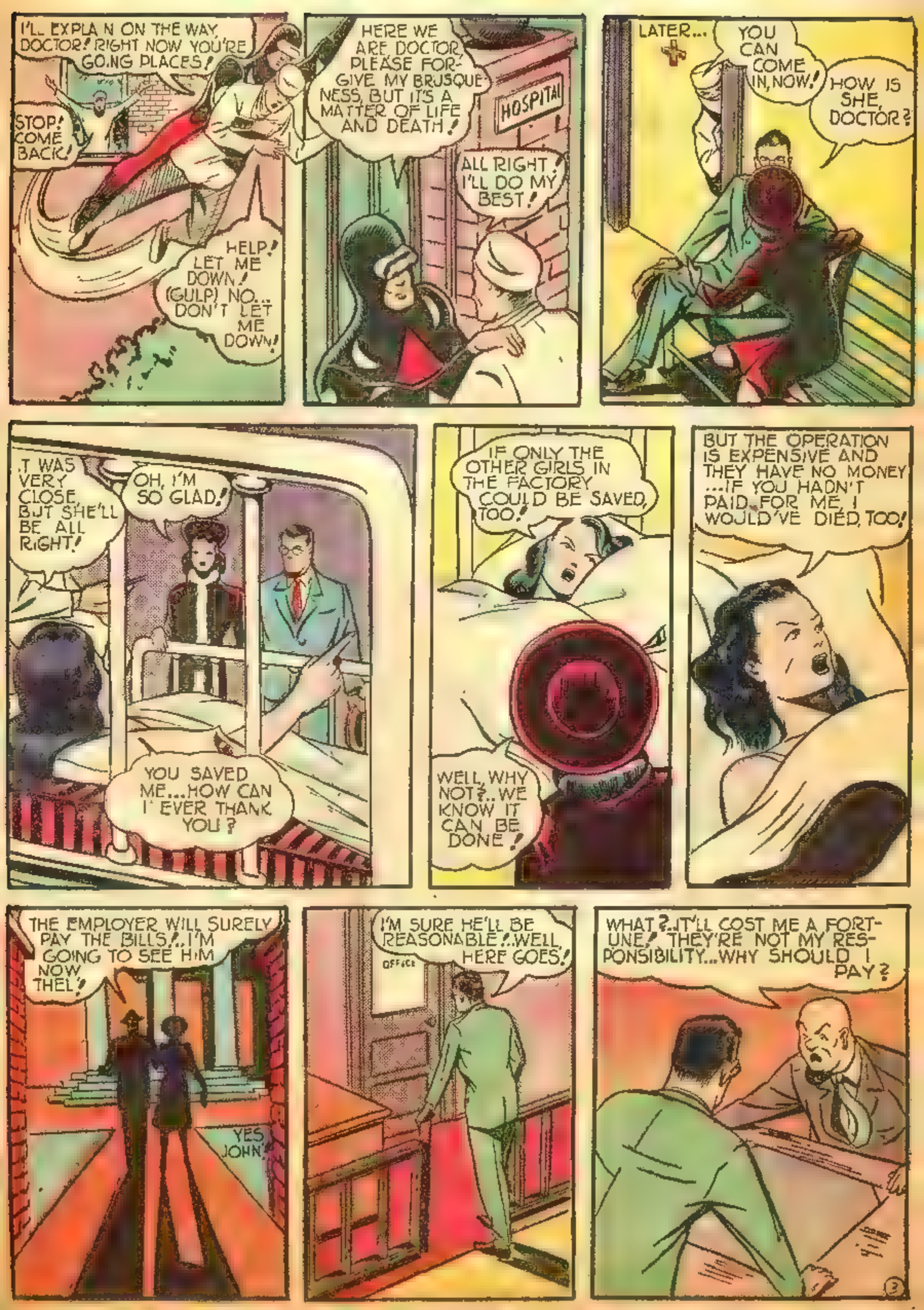
(PUFF, PUFF) GOTTA REST, NOW!
ALL RIGHT, WE'VE GONE FAR ENOUGH! WE'LL SLEEP HERE!
NEXT MORNING..
DANNY'S STILL SLEEPIN' (YAWN) GEE, I'M HUNGRY!
BOY O' BOY! ..COCOANUTS!
ZZZZZZ
JUST THEN..
I'VE TRACKED THEM, ALL RIGHT, AND NOW I'VE FOUND 'EM!
OH, GEE, GOSH! IT SLIPPED!
BONG
OOF!
HEY! WHAT IN...
TRIED TO KILL ME WHILE I WAS SLEEP-ING, HUM!
I'LL KILL YOU YET!
WITH A LIGHTNING-LIKE MOTION, DANNY PULLS OUT HIS SWORD, AND....
UGH!
YOU WON'T KILL ANYBODY AGAIN!
HEY!.. WHAT HAPPENED, DANNY?
THAT COCOANUT YOU DROPPED, SAVED MY LIFE!
C'MON!..LET'S GET BACK TO THE PRINCESS! WE'VE WASTED TOO MUCH TIME ALREADY

HERE WE ARE! NOW, WE'LL SHINE THIS MAGIC MIRROR ON THE TREE 'N SEE WHAT OCCURS!
AS THE RAYS HIT THE TREE, A MIRACULOUS CHANGE
GOLLY! IT WORKED... THE PRINCESS IS ALIVE AGAIN!
GULP!... AIN'T SHE PURTY!.. GOLLY!... I COULD GO FOR HER MYSELF!
THE FAIRY GOD-MOTHER APPEARS AGAIN...
YOU MUST RETURN TO THE CITY IN HASTE!... THE WEDDING IS ABOUT TO BEGIN! I WILL GIVE YOU ALL A DISGUISE!
LATER...
GEE!.. I HOPE THESE GUARDS DON'T RECOGNIZE US!
HALT! WHO ARE YOU?... WHAT DO YOU WANT?
IT'S JUST ME 'N MY SISTER 'N HER BABY!.. WE'RE HERE TO DO SOME SHOPPIN'!
HMMM!.. GUESS YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!.. YOU MAY PASS!
GLUG... URGGLE.. WUGGLE... GOO!
DANNY WENDS HIS WAY TOWARD THE CASTLE.

IN THE CASTLE..
DO YOU TAKE THIS WOMAN TO BE YOUR LAWFUL WEDDED WIFE?
I DO!
IF ANY KNOW WHY THESE TWO SHOULD NOT BE JOINED IN HOLY WEDLOCK LET HIM SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD HIS PEACE!
TEE HEE!
SUDDENLY...
I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND....
STOP!
FATHER!.. MY STEPMOTHER HAD ME PUT TO DEATH!
YOU LIE!
THIS MAGIC MIRROR WILL TELL THE TRUTH, YOUR MAJESTY!
HEAVENS! SHE'S A WITCH!
NO,NO!.. THIS IS A PLOT YOUR MAJESTY!
THROW HER AND HER UGLY DAUGHTER INTO THE DUNGEONS!.. MY OWN SWEET DAUGHTER SHALL MARRY THE PRINCE!.. PROCEED WITH THE CEREMONY!
= SMACK =
I NOW PRONOUCE YOU MAN AND WIFE!
GEE WHIZ! (GULP) AIN'T LOVE GRAND!
DO YOU WANT KUPKAKE ALONG WITH ME ON MY ADVENTURES? JUST WRITE DANNY 60 HUDSON ST., ROOM 315 AND LET ME KNOW!


THE COMET
HER HAIR'S CAUGHT! SHE'LL BE CRUSHED TO DEATH IN THE MACHINE!
HELP!
AS THELMA GORDON, NEWSPAPER WOMAN IS ABOUT TO LEAVE A WATCH FACTORY AFTER AN INTERVIEW WITH THE OWNER SHE STUMBLES AGAINST A MACHINE BELT, AND....
DANGER HIGH VOLT
I MUST TURN OFF THE SWITCH!
DANGER HIGH VOLTAGE
OOP! ..IT WON'T MOVE!..IT'S STUCK!
HURRY! SHE'S COMING CLOSER TO THE MACHINE!
THE GIRL HEROICALLY GRABS THE HIGHLY CHARGED WIRES AND SHORT CIRCUITS THEM.....
JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME!..THELMA IS SNATCHED FROM THE VERY JAWS OF A HORRIBLE DEATH!

WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE?
THIS GIRL SAVED MY LIFE! SHE'S BADLY HURT! CALL AN AMBULANCE, QUICK!
LATER AT THE HOSPITAL
I DON'T THINK SHE'LL LIVE!
OH, JOHN!.. SHE GAVE HER LIFE TO SAVE MINE!..I FEEL TERRIBLE!
IT WASN'T ENTIRELY YOUR FAULT!...THIS GIRL WOULD HAVE DIED FROM RADIUM POISONING ANYWAY!..THE SHOCK JUST BROUGHT IT CLOSER!
ISN'T THERE ANYONE WHO COULD HELP HER?
WELL, THERE'S A FAMOUS SURGEON WHO'S MADE EXPERIMENTS..HE'S TOO FAR AWAY AND THIS POOR GIRL CAN'T LAST MUCH LONGER!
JOHN BICKERING MAKES A HASTY DEPARTURE SLIPS OUT OF HIS CLOTHES, UNSEEN, AND A MOMENT LATER A FIGURE FLASHES INTO THE SKIES....THE COMET!
ZOOMING THROUGH THE SKIES IN INCREDIBLY SWIFT FLIGHT THE COMET COVERS HUNDREDS OF MILES IN THE SPACE OF MINUTES ....
AND INTO A HOSPITAL WINDOW
ARE YOU DR. FERGUSON?
TH THE COMET! Y..YES!.. BUT WHO.. WHAT?
YOU'VE MADE A STUDY OF RADIUM POISONING!..CAN YOU SAVE A VICTIM?
I HAVEN'T TRIED YET, BUT I THINK I COULD!


I'LL EXPLAIN ON THE WAY, DOCTOR! RIGHT NOW YOU'RE GOING PLACES!
STOP! COME BACK!
HELP! LET ME DOWN! (GULP) NO... DON'T LET ME DOWN!
HERE WE ARE DOCTOR, PLEASE FORGIVE MY BRUSQUENESS, BUT IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!
HOSPITAL
ALL RIGHT! I'LL DO MY BEST!
LATER...
YOU CAN COME IN, NOW!
HOW IS SHE, DOCTOR?
IT WAS VERY CLOSE, BUT SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
OH, I'M SO GLAD!
YOU SAVED ME...HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU?
IF ONLY THE OTHER GIRLS IN THE FACTORY COULD BE SAVED, TOO!
WELL, WHY NOT?..WE KNOW IT CAN BE DONE!
BUT THE OPERATION IS EXPENSIVE AND THEY HAVE NO MONEY ...IF YOU HADN'T PAID FOR ME, I WOULD'VE DIED, TOO!
THE EMPLOYER WILL SURELY PAY THE BILLS!..I'M GOING TO SEE HIM NOW, THEL!
YES, JOHN!
I'M SURE HE'LL BE REASONABLE!..WELL, HERE GOES!
OFFICE
WHAT?..IT'LL COST ME A FORTUNE! THEY'RE NOT MY RESPONSIBILITY...WHY SHOULD I PAY?
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BUT WHAT DOES MONEY MATTER WHEN HUMAN LIVES ARE AT [illegible]! I DON'T WISH TO THREATEN YOU BUT I'M WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE COMET, AND IF YOU PERSIST IN REFUSING, WELL
GET OUT! YOU CAN'T FRIGHTEN ME!
OKAY! THE COMET WILL FIND OUT IF YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE OR NOT!
OUTSIDE, JOHN PEERS THRU THE KEYHOLE...
HMM.. THAT LAST REMARK OF MINE SEEMS TO HAVE FLUSTERED MY FRIEND!
I'VE GOTTA GET THESE PAPERS OUT OF MY OFFICE!
WHAT THE COMET SAW
IF THE COMET WERE TO FIND THEM HE'D BE COOKED! I'LL TAKE THEM HOME AND [illegible] CHANCE GET!
THE [illegible] HOME MARKS FOR [illegible] AND...
THIS IS THE INDICATING [illegible] IN A HIDDEN WALL SAFE
NOW I'LL CALL THE POLICE FOR PROTECTION! JUST LET THE COMET COME HERE, NOW!
IF THE COMET TRIES TO GET INTO THIS HOUSE WE'LL NAB HIM THIS TIME, SURE!

LOOK! THERE HE GOES, SHOOT TO KILL!
THE COMET PLUMMETS LIKE A BULLET THROUGH THE WINDOW
AFTER A CAREFUL SEARCH HE LOCATES THE WALL SAFE
I'LL JUST LIFT MY VISOR AND SMASH IT OPEN
HMM! INTERESTING PAPERS! VERY INTERESTING.
GET AWAY FROM THAT SAFE!!
WOW! THAT BULLET CAME TOO CLOSE.
I WARNED YOUR FRIEND DICKERING, I'D KILL YOU, AND I WILL, TAKE THAT!
WHO HELP!!
THE COMET RAISES HIS VISOR
AND MORE CUTE IDEAS
GET OUT OF HERE. LEAVE ME ALONE
OH! MY FRIENDS, THE POLICE AGAIN..
THERE HE IS WE'VE GOT HIM CORNERED!
YOU HAD ME CORNERED YOU MEAN!
LEGGO ME! HELP! HELP!

PLEASE DON'T DROP ME! PLEASE!
STOP WHINING! UNFORTUNATELY YOU'RE WORTH MORE ALIVE THAN DEAD!
YOU KNEW RADIUM WAS POISONOUS BUT YOU LET YOUR GIRLS USE IT BECAUSE IT WAS CHEAPER!
YOU CAN'T PROVE IT!
THESE PAPERS I FOUND IN YOUR SAFE CAN... YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THOSE GIRLS' OPERATIONS, OTHERWISE IT'LL BE A MURDER CHARGE YOU'LL FACE!
I THOUGHT YOU'D AGREE! I'LL GIVE YOU BACK TO THE POLICE NOW ...YOU'LL SEE A LOT OF THEM IN THE FUTURE!
HEY! WAIT! DON'T SHOOT!
YOU'RE LIABLE TO HIT THE OTHER GUY!
YEAH! THAT'S RIGHT! ISN'T THERE ANY WAY TO GET THE COMET!
BETTER THINK OF A WAY TO GET THIS WEASEL OFF THE TREE!
NEXT DAY-
OH JOHN! YOU DID IT!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, THELMA?
NEWS
RADIUM POISONING CASES ALL CURED BY DR. FERGUSON!
EMPLOYER ON TRIAL FORCED TO PAY OPERATING EXPENSES
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OH, YOU... YOU... YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
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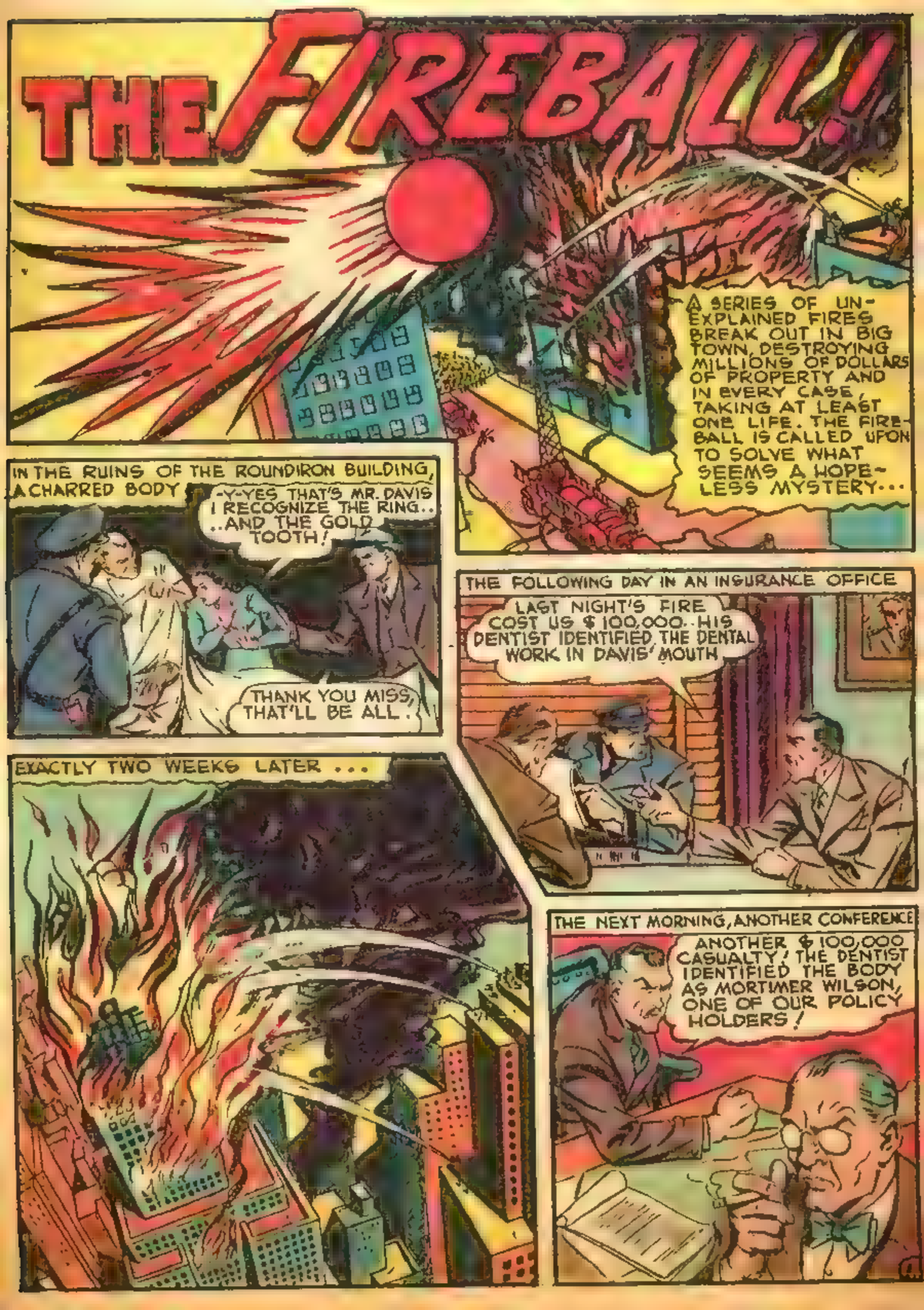
ANOTHER SMASH ADVENTURE OF THE COMET IN THE NEXT PEP COMICS!


THE FIREBALL!
A SERIES OF UN-EXPLAINED FIRES BREAK OUT IN BIG TOWN, DESTROYING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF PROPERTY AND IN EVERY CASE, TAKING AT LEAST ONE LIFE. THE FIRE-BALL IS CALLED UPON TO SOLVE WHAT SEEMS A HOPE-LESS MYSTERY...
IN THE RUINS OF THE ROUNDIRON BUILDING, A CHARRED BODY
-Y-YES THAT'S MR. DAVIS I RECOGNIZE THE RING.. ..AND THE GOLD TOOTH!
THANK YOU MISS, THAT'LL BE ALL.
THE FOLLOWING DAY IN AN INSURANCE OFFICE
LAST NIGHT'S FIRE COST US $100,000. HIS DENTIST IDENTIFIED THE DENTAL WORK IN DAVIS' MOUTH
EXACTLY TWO WEEKS LATER ...
THE NEXT MORNING, ANOTHER CONFERENCE
ANOTHER $100,000 CASUALTY! THE DENTIST IDENTIFIED THE BODY AS MORTIMER WILSON, ONE OF OUR POLICY HOLDERS!

THE FIREMAN'S OFFICE, THE NEXT DAY
THERE'S SOMETHING FUNNY ABOUT THESE FIRES. THINK THE OWNERS SET 'EM?
WE THOUGHT OF THAT, GLORIA. BUT THE LOSS IS ALWAYS GREATER THAN THE INSURANCE!
JUST THE SAME IT'S A FUNNY THING THEY HAPPEN EVERY TWO WEEKS AND THE ONLY ONE WHO GETS BURNED IS HEAVILY INSURED!
WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT? THAT'S THE ANSWER! THE MEN ARE INSURED, NOT THE BUILDINGS!
AT THE MAYFAIR COMPANY
DO OUR BOOKS TELL YOU ANYTHING?
YES! THEY SHOW THAT THE LAST FIVE FIRES TOOK YOUR BIGGEST POLICY HOLDERS!
YES, WE'VE BEEN HIT BADLY ONCE OR TWICE MORE BIG FIRES AND WE'LL BE BANKRUPT!
THINK I'D BETTER PAY HIM A VISIT!
GLORIA, IF YOUR THEORY IS RIGHT, TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT. IT'S EXACTLY TWO WEEKS SINCE THE LAST FIRE. I'M HOPING FOR SOME ACTION. STAY HERE AND WAIT FOR MY CALL!
BE CAREFUL!
ORANGE STATE BUILDING THE FIREBALL PEERS THROUGH A SKYLIGHT!
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS NOW, I SHOULD HAVE A RINGSIDE SEAT

SEVERAL HOURS LATER
SMOKE! GLORIA'S HUNCH WAS RIGHT!
JOHN THOMAS
THE FIREBALL ABSORBS THE FLAME WITH HIS SUPER-HEATED BODY
HMM. KEROSENE ON THE BODY TOO, EH?
HELLO! GLORIA? HOP UP TO THOMAS' OFFICE WITH THE INSURANCE ADJUSTER AND HAVE HIM BRING HIS DENTAL CHARTS!
RIGHT!
A FEW HOURS LATER...
I CAN ASSURE YOU, THAT MAN IS NOT JOHN THOMAS!
THE DENTAL CHARTS CHECK PERFECTLY!
IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY YOU'LL SEE THAT MAN HAS BEEN DEAD SOME TIME - THE DENTAL WORK WAS PUT IN AFTER DEATH. IT'S A SHAKE DOWN!
THOSE OTHER MEN?
ALL FAKES. YOU'VE BEEN SWINDLED!
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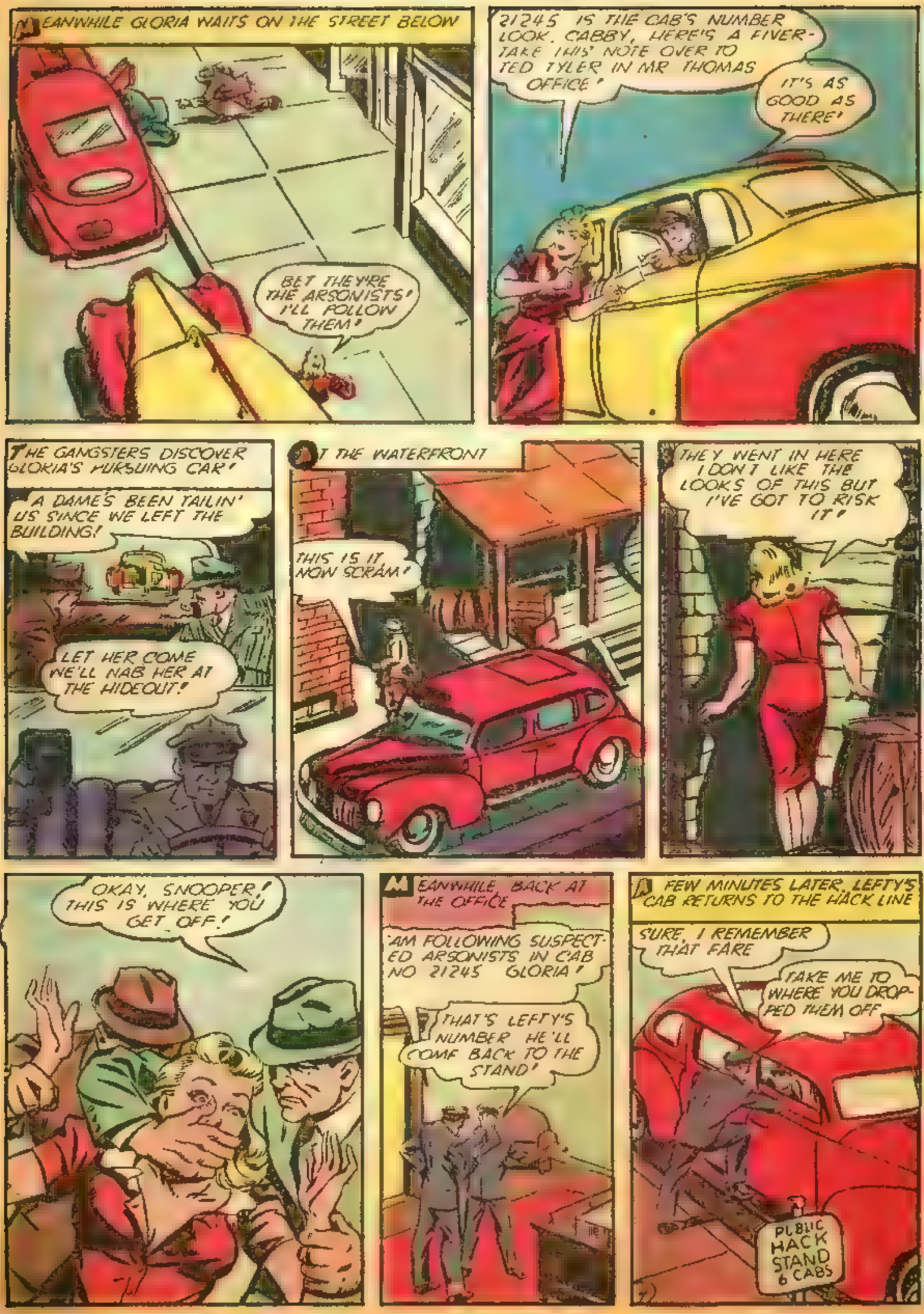
MEANWHILE GLORIA WAITS ON THE STREET BELOW
BET THEY'RE THE ARSONISTS! I'LL FOLLOW THEM!
21245 IS THE CAB'S NUMBER LOOK, CABBY, HERE'S A FIVER- TAKE THIS NOTE OVER TO TED TYLER IN MR THOMAS OFFICE!
IT'S AS GOOD AS THERE!
THE GANGSTERS DISCOVER GLORIA'S PURSUING CAR!
A DAME'S BEEN TAILIN' US SINCE WE LEFT THE BUILDING!
LET HER COME WE'LL NAB HER AT THE HIDEOUT!
AT THE WATERFRONT
THIS IS IT, NOW SCRAM!
THEY WENT IN HERE I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS BUT I'VE GOT TO RISK IT!
OKAY, SNOOPER! THIS IS WHERE YOU GET OFF!
MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE OFFICE
AM FOLLOWING SUSPECTED ARSONISTS IN CAB NO 21245 GLORIA!
THAT'S LEFTY'S NUMBER HE'LL COME BACK TO THE STAND!
A FEW MINUTES LATER, LEFTY'S CAB RETURNS TO THE HACK LINE
SURE, I REMEMBER THAT FARE
TAKE ME TO WHERE YOU DROPPED THEM OFF
PUBLIC HACK STAND 6 CABS

WHAT'S THIS?
ONE OF THE FIRE-BALL'S STOOGES HE SPOTTED THE STIFF WE PLANTED IN YOUR OFFICE! AND SHE FOLLOWED US!
SHE FOLLOWED YOU? WE'VE GOT TO GET RID OF HER DOC'S IN BACK FIXING UP ANOTHER STIFF TAKE HER BACK AND HEAT HER!
WHAT'S UP?
WE'RE SPOTTED - WE'RE GETTING RID OF THIS DAME AND LAMMING!
THE FIREBALL ARRIVES ON THE SCENE!...INSTANTLY THE GANG IS SURROUNDED WITH A WALL OF FIRE!
HOPE I HAVEN'T INTERRUPTED ANYTHING!
HELP! TED! HEL-LL-P!
THE FIREBALL!
BUT THE WALL OF FIRE HAS IGNITED THE KEROSENE IN THE ROOM WHERE GLORIA IS HELD PRISONER.
TED! KEROSENE! I'M ON FIRE!
THE FIREBALL THROWS HIS ARMS ABOUT HER AND QUICK-LY ABSORBS THE FIRE!
THE BULLETS - TH - THEY HAVE NO EFFECT ON HIM!
WE'LL BE ROASTED ALIVE!
NOT IF YOU SIGN A CONFESSION AND RE-TURN THE INSUR-ANCE MONEY!
IT'S A DEAL!
WHEW! I THOUGHT I WAS A GONER
WELL, THE GANG'S BROK-EN UP AND ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!
THE FIREBALL APPEARS IN EVERY ISSUE OF PEP COMICS!
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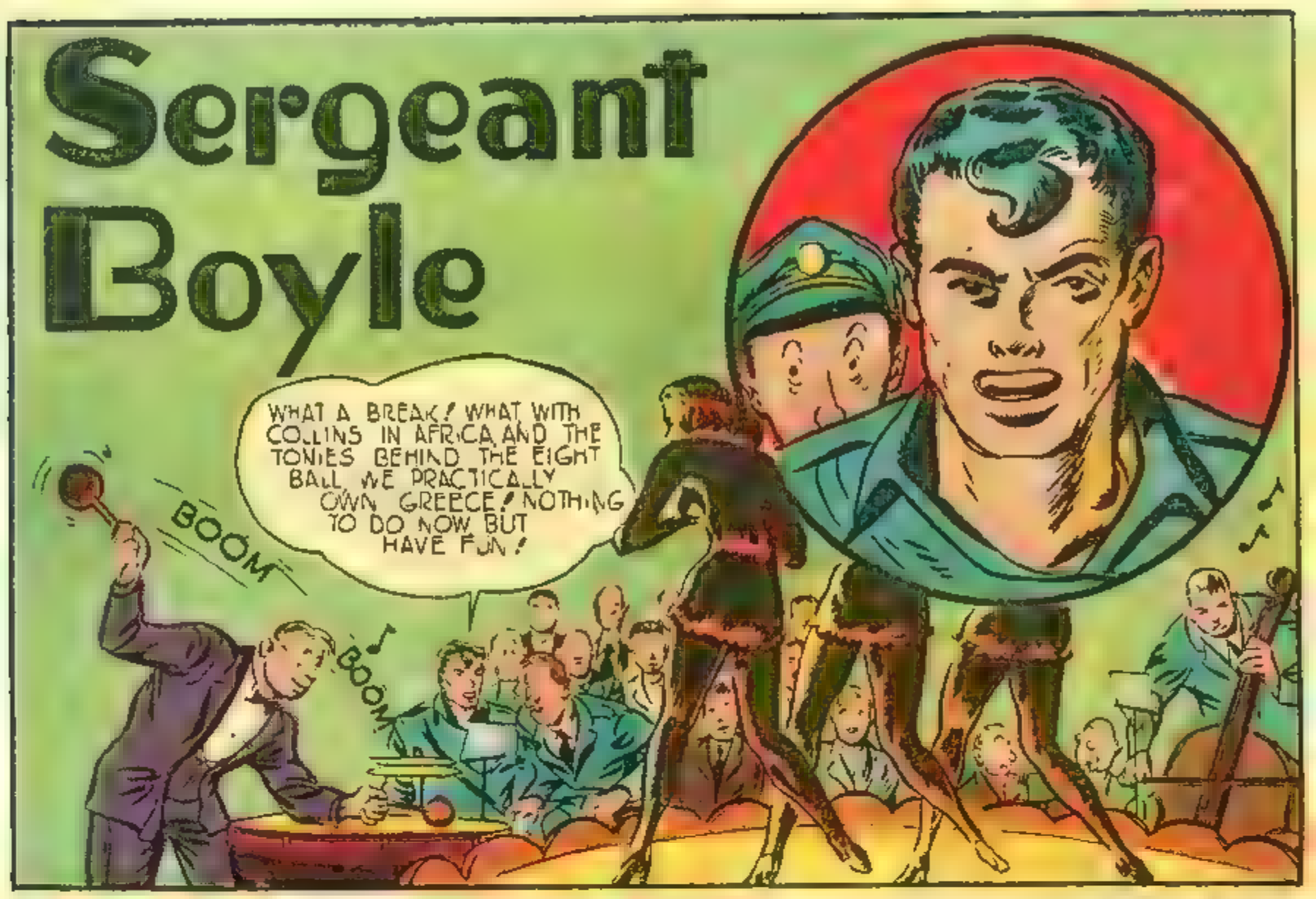
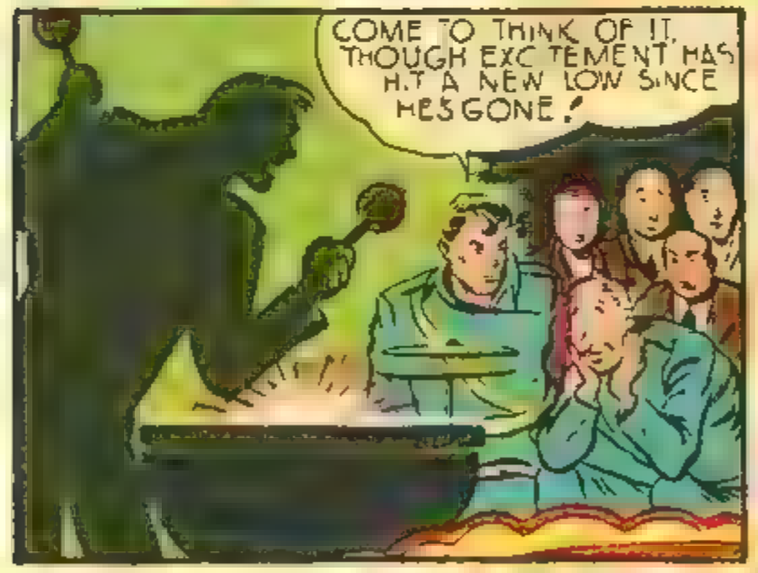
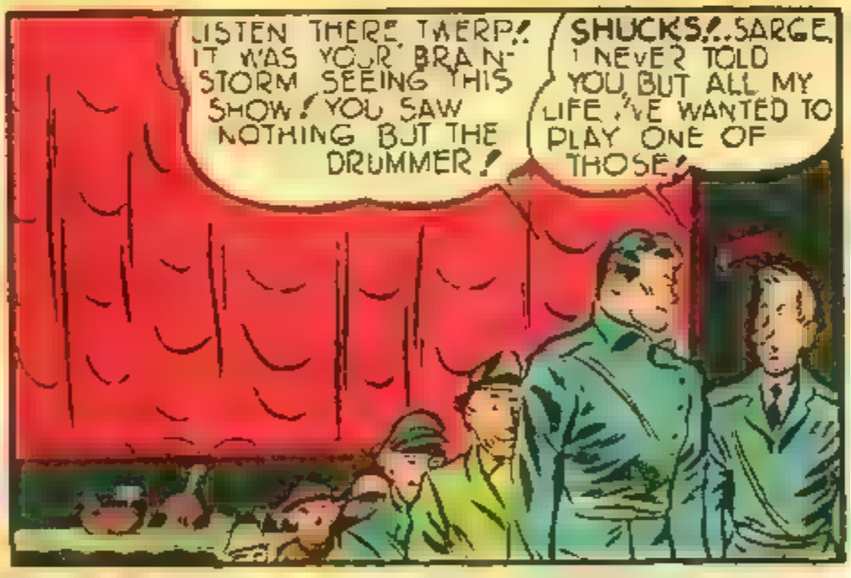
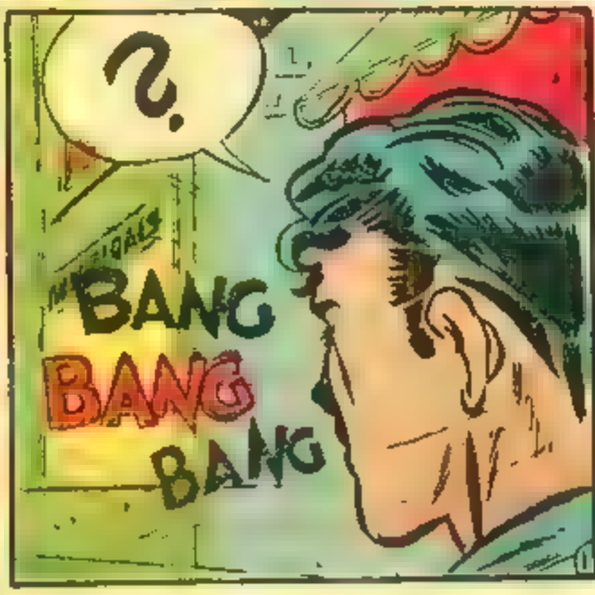
Sergeant Boyle


WHAT A BREAK! WHAT WITH COLLINS IN AFRICA AND THE TONIES BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL, WE PRACTICALLY OWN GREECE! NOTHING TO DO NOW BUT HAVE FUN!
BOOM
BOOM




LISTEN THERE, TWERP! IT WAS YOUR BRAINSTORM SEEING THIS SHOW! YOU SAW NOTHING BUT THE DRUMMER!
SHUCKS!..SARGE, I NEVER TOLD YOU, BUT ALL MY LIFE I'VE WANTED TO PLAY ONE OF THOSE!



SHOTS! THEY SEEM TO BE COMING FROM THIS STORE!.. THAT POOR SAP IS PROBABLY GETTING HIMSELF PLUGGED!
BANG BANG!
LOOK AT ME SARGE! JUST LIKE GENE KRUPA BEATING IT OUT!
?
BOOM!
IF YOU WANT TO STAY THERE, IT'S O K BY ME! BUT I'M NOT PASSING UP MY VITTLES!
FOOD! THAT REMINDS ME.. I'M HUNGRY, BUT PLENTY!
YOU BIRDS ARE JUST ONE MINUTE TOO LATE! NO MORE STEW!
JUST WHAT I THOUGHT! WELL, LETS START HIKING BACK TO TOWN AND FEED UP!
AWW... DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT, SARGE! I KNOW..IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
IT'S ONLY SIX AN' THINGS ARE DEAD IN THIS BURG. I'M GETTIN JUMPY WITH NOTHING TO DO!
YEP ALL THIS PEACE AND QUIET IS LIABLE TO GIVE US BOTH A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN!
SOME BLOKE THREW IT DOWN FROM THE THIRD FLOOR .LET'S SEE WHAT IT IS!
IT'S A NOTE! WHAT SORT OF A JOINT IS THIS BUILDING?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT THIS NOTE. IT'S PLENTY HOT! C'MON TWERP, LET'S LOOK INTO IT?
I have been put here unjustly. It is important that I speak with someone who loves France. This is a matter of life or death!
Quartermaster Sergeant Charles
HAW, HAW! I THOUGHT THAT NOTE SOUNDED TOO GOOD! THE GUY'S NUTTY AS A DARN T!
I'M NOT SO SURE! A LOT OF THOSE FRUITCAKES HAVE MORE SENSE THAN SOME CAPTAINS I KNOW!
ATHENS MENTAL INS

KNOWING THEY WOULD HAVE TROUBLE GETTING INTO THE ASYLUM IN UNIFORM: BOYLE AND TWERP BUY SOME SECOND HAND DUDS..
HA HA! YOU OUGHT TO WEAR A VEIL ALL THE TIME... ALL SET?
YEAH! BUT, I DON'T LIKE THAT CRACK, BOYLE!
WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR BROTHER QUARTERMASTER, ACIDO! POOR SOUL!..IS HE VIOLENT? HE WAS ALWAYS SUCH A SANE BOY!
COME THIS WAY!
♪HE WAS♪ NEVER SICK A DAY IN HIS LIFE, THE DEAR! ♪ ♪ ♪
OH, YOU DEAR, DEAR BOY! HOW YOU MUST HAVE SUFFERED WHY D'N'T YOU COME TO ME, YOUR SISTER?
? ? ? ?
PSST!
AND WE HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE THE WAR BEGAN!
SURE GO AHEAD...I WON'T BOTHER YOU! BUT HE'S PRETTY CRAZY!
YOU'RE NOT MY SISTER! OW! HEY! WHAT'S THE IDEA, KICKING ME!
SHUT UP! DOPEY!.. WE GOT YOUR NOTE!
LISTEN YOU! WE TOOK A BIG RISK COMING HERE SO WHATEVER IT'S ALL ABOUT HAD BETTER BE GOOD! SO LET'S HAVE IT!
THEY WON'T LISTEN TO ME! THEY SAY I'M CRAZY BECAUSE..
I HEARD THE HEADQUARTERMASTER TALKING TO A COUPLE OF SPIES ABOUT POISONING ALL THE MOBILE FOOD UNITS. WHEN I TOLD THIS, THEY TESTED THE FOOD AND FOUND IT O.K... THE NEXT THING I KNEW, I WAS IN HERE!
SURE, SURE! THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS THING! ANY THING ELSE?
YOU MUST HURRY! YOU'VE GOT TO STOP THEM FROM EATING TONIGHT! ALL THE MEN WILL BE DEAD IF YOU DON'T! THEN THE ITALIANS WILL BE HERE TO FINISH US ALL!
SURE, YOU BET! GOOD-BYE, NOW!
NUTTY AS A FRUITCAKE. POOR SLOB! PROBABLY THINKS EVERYONE IS TRYING TO POISON HIM! ...NOW, WHERE ARE YOU? HEY, TWERP!
? ?

BOYLE!! BOYLE!! I CAN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE!
HMM... MUST BE A NEW PATIENT. SAY THERE! YOU!... WHAT'S THE HURRY?
HE'S VIOLENT! CAREFUL, JOE! GET THE STRAIGHT JACKET!.. I'LL HOLD HIM!
HE'S A FEMALE IMPERSONATOR AND SCREWY AS HECK! INTO THE NEUTRALIZER WITH HIM!
FLOP!
ONE... TWO... THREE.. HEAVE!
SPLOOSH
HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA! I'LL HAVE YOU SHOT! I'M CAPTAIN TWERP OF THE B.E.F... I'LL SUE! I'LL GET A LAWYER!.. IF HE'S NOT EXPENSIVE! HELP!
C'MON, SARGE! THEY'RE ALL CRAZY IN THERE... EVEN THE DOCTORS!
WHY, YOU'RE ALL WET TWERP!.. AS USUAL! WHAT HAPPENED? DID THEY MISTAKE YOU FOR ONE OF THEIR PATIENTS?
SERVICES ENTRANCE
WHEN BOYLE ARRIVES AT THE CAMP HE IS GREETED BY THE PITIFUL MOANS OF THE STRICKEN MEN ROLLING ALL ABOUT IN UNBEARABLE AGONY...
HOLY CROCKEYE! CALL THE MEDICALS! TELL 'EM TO BRING STOMACH PUMPS! HURRY!
AND WE THOUGHT THAT GUY WAS BATTY! YE GODS!
OOOH MY STOMACH..I..I CAN'T STAND IT! OOOH!
WE MUST BE POISONED! OOOHHH!
OOH! UGH! HERE IS BOYLE ..GET A DOCTOR, SARGE!
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES STRICKEN!.. THE WHOLE CAMP IS DOWN.. THE SAWBONES ARE COMING!
THE AMBULANCES ARE ON THEIR WAY! WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO, SARGE? THOSE TONES WILL BE ON US LIKE LOCUSTS! THEY ENGINEERED THIS WHOLE THING!
FROM MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE SPAGHETTIES, I GATHER THAT THEY WON'T MOVE TILL MORNING.. WHEN THEY FIGURE EVERY LAST ONE OF US IS DOWN! LISTEN!.. I HAVE A PLAN!

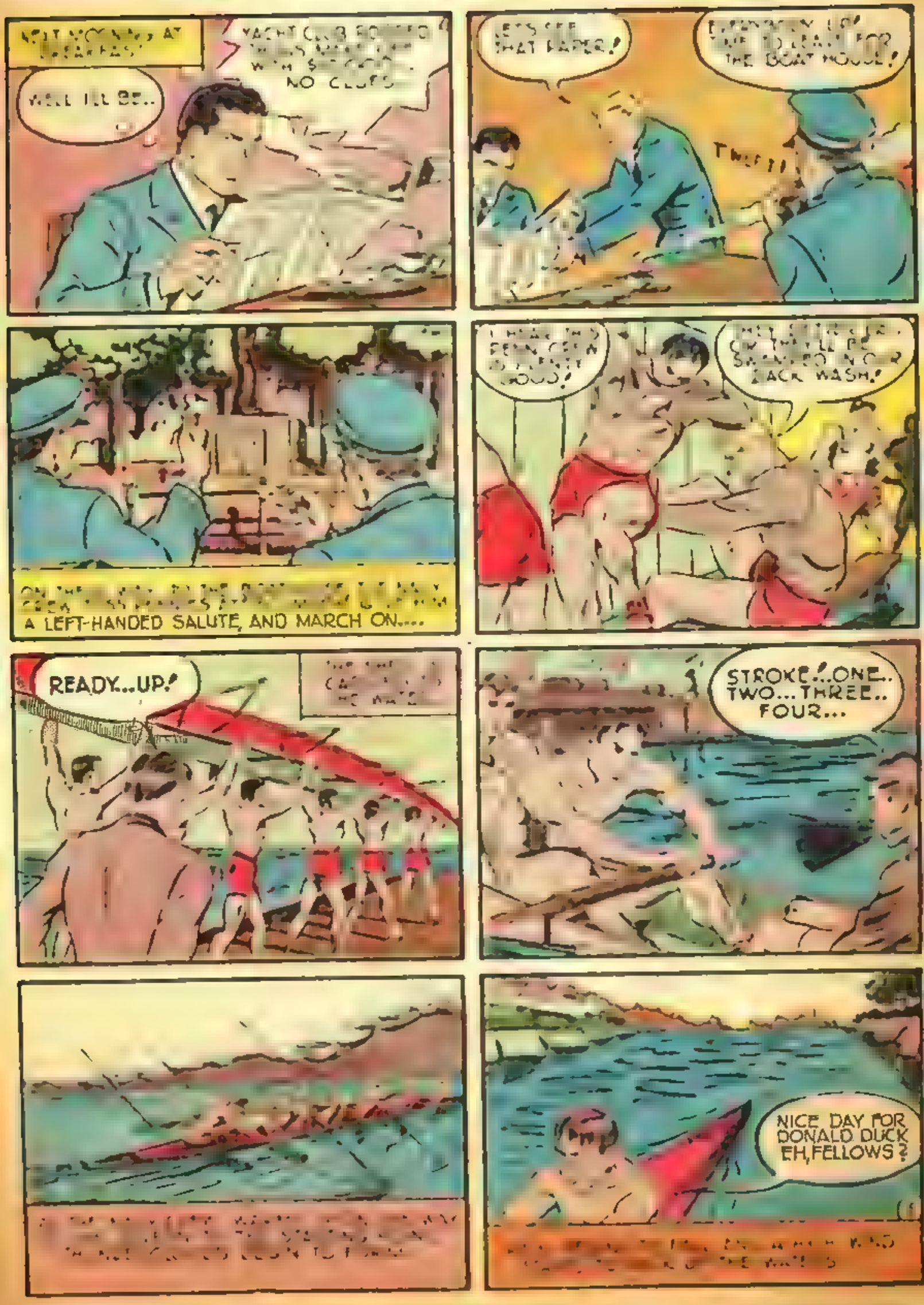
HOW COME YOU'RE STILL ON YOUR FEET?.. AND SOME OF THOSE OTHERS, TOO!
I DIDN'T EAT MUCH TONIGHT AND SOME OF THEM DIDN'T EAT AT ALL!
PAY CLOSE ATTENTION, MEN! YOU ARE THE ONLY ABLE ONES TO SAVE GREECE! WE MUST TAKE A BROAD CHANCE!..THERE ARE ONLY A HUNDRED OF US!
WE MAY FAIL AND IF WE DO, WE'LL GO DOWN FIGHTING! SOME-MAYBE ALL OF US-WILL BE KILLED!.....WE WON'T FAIL! WE CAN'T FAIL! MEN, ARE YOU WITH ME?
SURE! WE'RE WITH YOU! EVERYONE OF US!
GOOD! I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU! YOU'LL HAVE SOME ACTING TO DO! CAPTAIN TWERP WILL GIVE YOU THE DETAILS! I'M GOING INTO THEIR LINES AND TRY TO STALL THEM IF I CAN!
BOYLE HAS MADE GOOD HIS PLAN SO FAR. WITH FOX-LIKE CUNNINGNESS HE STEALS INTO THE ITALIAN CAMP
JUST ONE MORE LEFT HOOK AND I'M IN!
I'LL EAT MY SAM BROWN BELT IF THAT ISN'T THEIR GENERAL'S TENT!
WELL, HERE GOES! IT'S SUCCESS OR BUST! HEY, YOU! GET UP!
Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z
IF HE WASN'T SNORING, I'D SWEAR HE WAS DEAD! HEY!
QUIET, BOYLE! DO YOU WANT TO WAKE THE WHOLE ARMY?... MAYBE, THIS'LL BRING HIM TO!

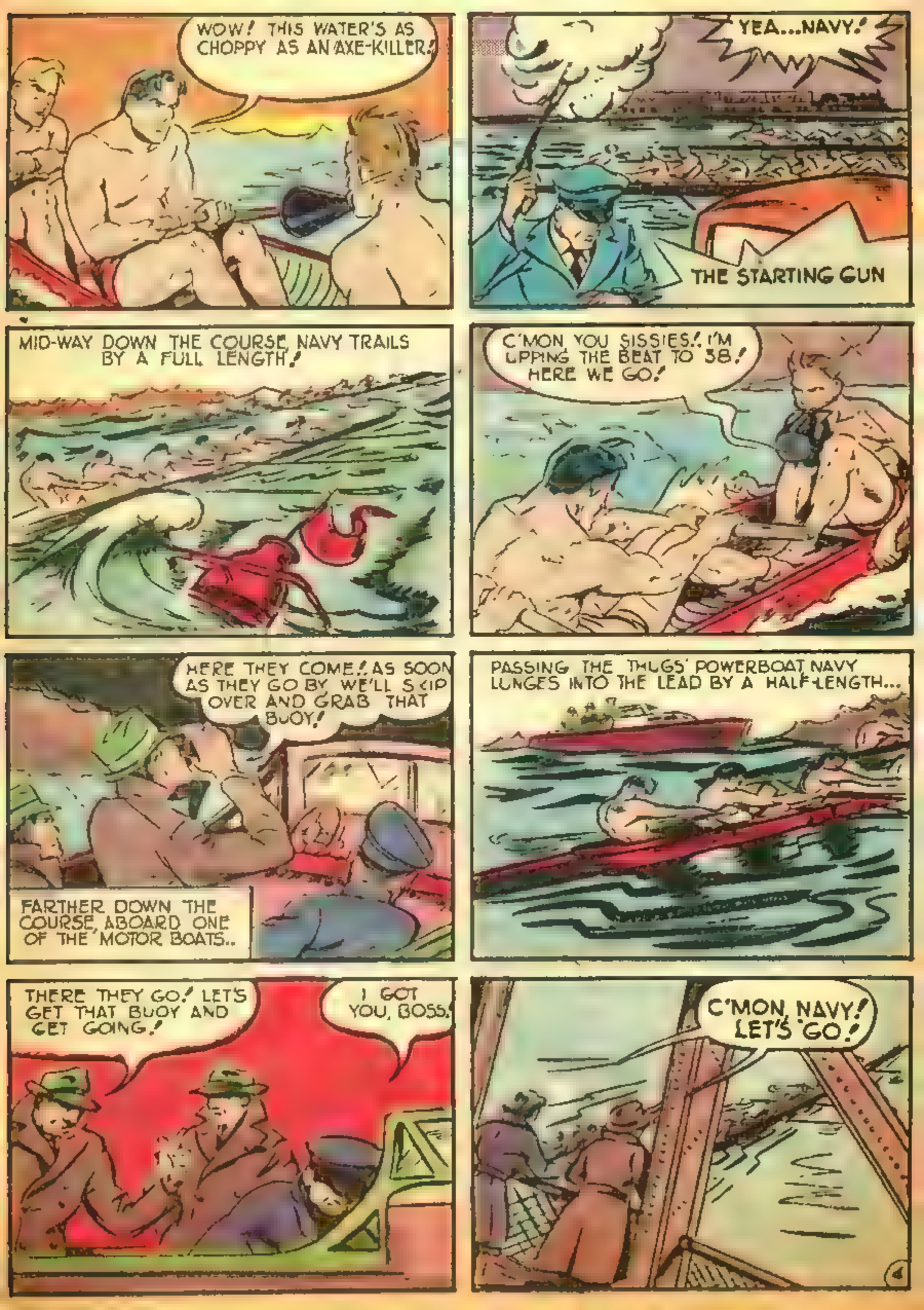
OW! PASTA-FASOOL!.. CARRRAMBA! WHATSA!..
LOOK!: CUE BALL IT'S ME, BOYLE! SERGEANT BOYLE! I CAME TO BREAKA DATE! PICK UP THAT PHONE AND TALK FAST!
YOU WANTA ME TO STOPA THE ATTACK YES! SURE I DO LIKA YOU SAY! SURE!
TSK, TSK, I'MA SO CLUMSY LOOKA...I BREAKA DA WIRE! HA! HA!
SNAP
SEE ITSA TOO LATE A THEY BLOW UPA DA ASSEMBLY!
HA, HA SHOOTA! AND EVERYBODY HESA GONNA COME IN, AN' FINISH YOU, TOO!
THE TEST OF NERVES HAS BOYLE MOMENTARILY FUZZED AS TO HIS NEXT MOVE. THE GENERAL'S CAR IS WAITING AND SO IS THE ENTIRE REGIMENT. THE GENERAL BARKS ORDERS!
ATTENTION! WE MARCHA! WE WILL MEETA NO OPPOSITION!.. FORWARD!
I MUSTA ADMIRE HISA NERVA, METTA GOT ONEA BEEG NERVA!
THESE DODOES DIDN'T SEE ME SLIP INTO THEIR LINE! I HOPE TWERP GOT EVERYTHING STRAIGHT AND READY! IT'S O.K. LAST HOPE
AT THE APPOINTED PLACE BOYLE SPINS IN HIS TRACK AND..
JUST A MINUTE! I GO OVER THE HILL AND SEE IF THE COAST IS CLEAR!
GOOD, YOU GO WE WAIT!
SO FAR SO GOOD! THE TONIES FELL FOR THE GAG! ...AND BOYLE MEETS HIS MEN IN FRONT
HI! BOYS ARE YOU READY TO GO INTO YOUR ACT? GOT EVERYTHING STRAIGHT?
O.K. LETS GO BARRY-MORES!
IT SEEMS PRETTY HOPELESS TO US WHAT CHANCE DO A HUNDRED MEN STAND AGAINST AN ARMY OF FIFTY THOUSAND!
HYA SARGE! YES WE'RE READY! TAKERS ON THE NOSE MAKERS!

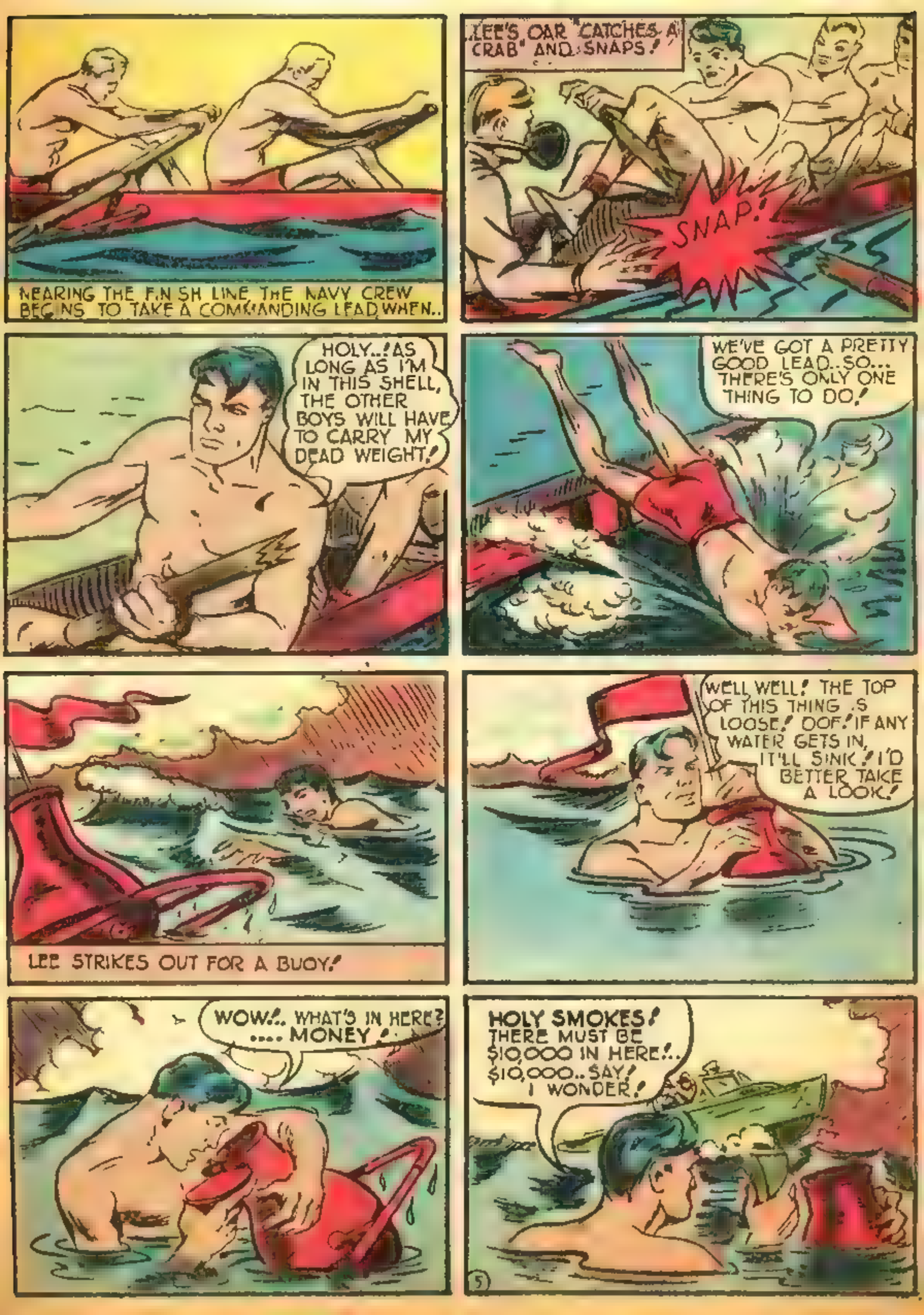
RUN'A RUNA FOR YOUR LIFE'S A GREEKSA MANY GREEKSA'...
MILLIONSA GREEKSA PASTAFASOOL RUN!
OOOH! TRILLIONS GREEKSA!
BOOM
?
BOOM BOOM BOOM
OH BOY! THESE PINETTES WILL MAKE MORE NOISE THAN THE BATTLE OF THE SEXES!
IT'S A TRAP! THE GENERAL MESSAGE!
NICE GOIN' BOYS, WE'VE GOT THIS BUNCH ON THE RUN! NOW FOR THE OTHER FLANKS! C'MON!
RUNA! HELPA! RUNA!
YEA BOYLE! WE'RE READY ANYTIME!
SAY THE WORD SARGE!
OK LET 'EM HAVE IT. BUT MAKE IT GOOD!
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! GREEKS! MILLIONS OF 'EM!
NO, NO!.. DON'T BELIEVE. IT'S LIE... THERE ISA ONLY A FEW THE OTHERS ARE DEADA!
OH THERE YOU ARE MUSHFACE!
AND SINCE YOU SAY OUR OTHER MEN ARE DEAD... YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT THE POISONING!
SOCK
WITH THE GENERAL A PRISONER AND THE ENTIRE SPAGHETTI ARMY ROUTED BOYE AND THE MEN ARE RETURNING TO CAMP WHEN...
I GUESS IT WAS TOO MUCH TO HOPE FOR!
DOWN MEN! THEY MUST HAVE GOTTEN WISE!
TWERP!
HELLO SARGE! HOW AM I DOIN', OL PAL?
HE'LL GET HIS! THE MEDICOS SAY ALL THE MEN WILL BE O.K.
THE HEAD QUARTERMASTER WAS THE TRAITOR WHO POISONED THE FOOD!
HELLO MY DARLING SISTER AND BROTHER! HERE IT IS! THE THIRD ONE!
BROTHER ACIDO AS NEW HEAD QUARTERMASTER, YOU'LL MAKE A GOOD CHEF! I HOPE THE FOURTH ONE IS ON THE FIRE!

Lee Sampson,
MIDSHIPMAN
THE NIGHT BEFORE THE ANNUAL CREW RACE WITH PENNSYLVANIA....A COAST GUARD CUTTER PURSUES A MOTOR BOAT ACROSS THE BAY, CHASING IT CLOSE TO SHORE AND UP COLLEGE CREEK.. JUST OUTSIDE BANCROFT HALL!
THEY'RE GAINING ON US, STEP ON IT!
LOOK! THERE'S A CUTTER CHASING A POWERBOAT OF SOME KIND!
RIGHT UP COLLEGE CREEK! WHAT TH' HECK'S GOING ON?
INSIDE THEIR QUARTERS IN BANCROFT HALL, LEE AND SHIPWRECK KELLY ARE ABOUT TO TURN IN FOR THE NIGHT!
PHOOEY ON IT! LET'S GET TO BED! WE'VE GOT A CREW RACE TOMORROW, OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
THE POWERBOAT SPEEDS UP THE SEVERN RIVER..
BETTER STOP! THEY'RE STARTIN' TO SHOOT!
PULL THAT BUOY ON BOARD A MINUTE!..I GOT AN IDEA!
THIS THING IS ANCHORED!..MUST BE ONE OF THEM MARKERS, THEY USE FOR THE CREW RACES!

UNSCREW THE TOP OF THAT THING! HURRY IT UP!
OKAY, BOSS!
HAND THAT DOUGH HERE!..WE'LL PUT 'ER IN THE BUOY!
GET THAT THING BACK IN THE WATER! HERE COMES THE COAST GUARD!
THE LANE-MARKER BUOY IS TOSSED BACK INTO THE SEVERN!
HOLD FAST! WE'RE COMING ABOARD!
COME AHEAD!
WHY DIDN'T YOU HEAVE TO WHEN YOU SAW OUR SIGNAL? WE'RE SEARCHING YOU FOR CONTRABAND!
WE DIDN'T SEE YOUR SIGNAL!..AND IF YOU WANT TO SEARCH...GO AHEAD!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
SO LONG, BOYS!
NOTHING ON HER!.. LET'S GO!
WHILE AT THE ACAD-EMY...
HEY!..COME ON TO BED!
OKAY OKAY PAL! DON'T GET EXCITED!
NAVIGATION


YACHT CLUB
NO CLUBS
WELL I'LL BE...
LET'S SEE THAT PAPER!
EVERYBODY UP! TIME TO RAN FOR THE BOAT HOUSE!
A LEFT-HANDED SALUTE, AND MARCH ON....
I MEAN I'M BEING CHASED BY A BOAT HOUSE!
OH I'LL BE SWIMMING IN OUR BACK WASH!
READY...UP!
STROKE!...ONE.. TWO...THREE.. FOUR...
NICE DAY FOR DONALD DUCK EH, FELLOWS?


WOW! THIS WATER'S AS CHOPPY AS AN AXE-KILLER!
YEA...NAVY!
THE STARTING GUN
MID-WAY DOWN THE COURSE, NAVY TRAILS BY A FULL LENGTH!
C'MON YOU SISSIES! I'M UPPING THE BEAT TO 38! HERE WE GO!
HERE THEY COME! AS SOON AS THEY GO BY WE'LL SKIP OVER AND GRAB THAT BUOY!
FARTHER DOWN THE COURSE, ABOARD ONE OF THE MOTOR BOATS..
PASSING THE THUGS' POWERBOAT NAVY LUNGES INTO THE LEAD BY A HALF-LENGTH...
THERE THEY GO! LET'S GET THAT BUOY AND GET GOING!
I GOT YOU, BOSS.
C'MON, NAVY! LET'S GO!


NEARING THE FINISH LINE THE NAVY CREW BEGINS TO TAKE A COMMANDING LEAD WHEN..
LEE'S OAR CATCHES A CRAB" AND SNAPS!
SNAP!
HOLY..! AS LONG AS I'M IN THIS SHELL, THE OTHER BOYS WILL HAVE TO CARRY MY DEAD WEIGHT!
WE'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD LEAD..SO... THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO!
LEE STRIKES OUT FOR A BUOY!
WELL WELL! THE TOP OF THIS THING IS LOOSE! OOF! IF ANY WATER GETS IN, IT'LL SINK! I'D BETTER TAKE A LOOK!
WOW!.. WHAT'S IN HERE? .... MONEY!
HOLY SMOKES! THERE MUST BE $10,000 IN HERE!.. $10,000.. SAY! I WONDER!
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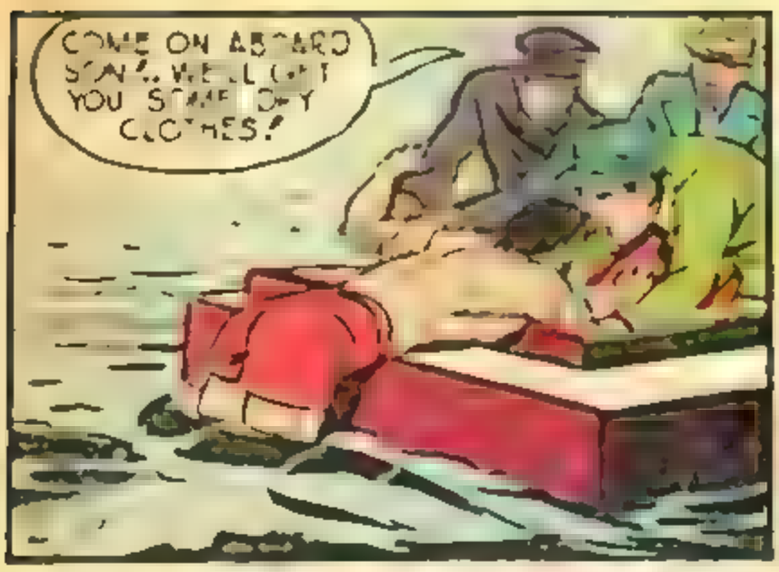
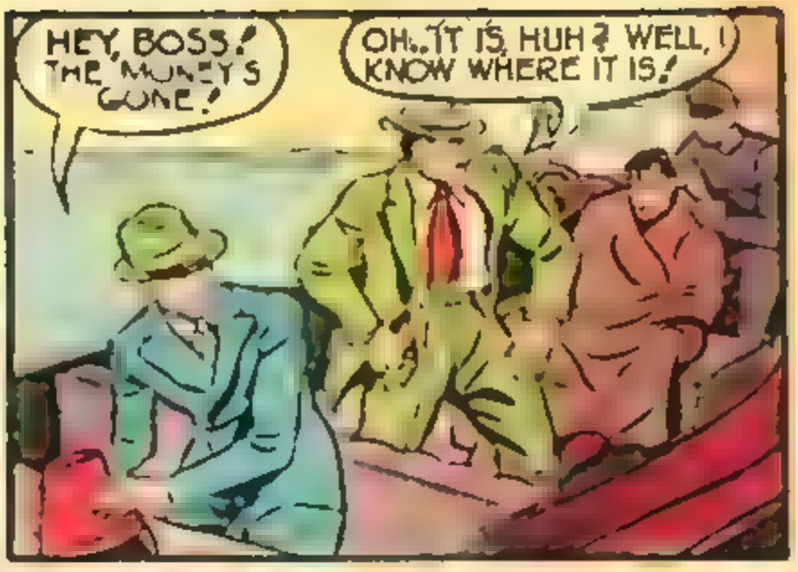
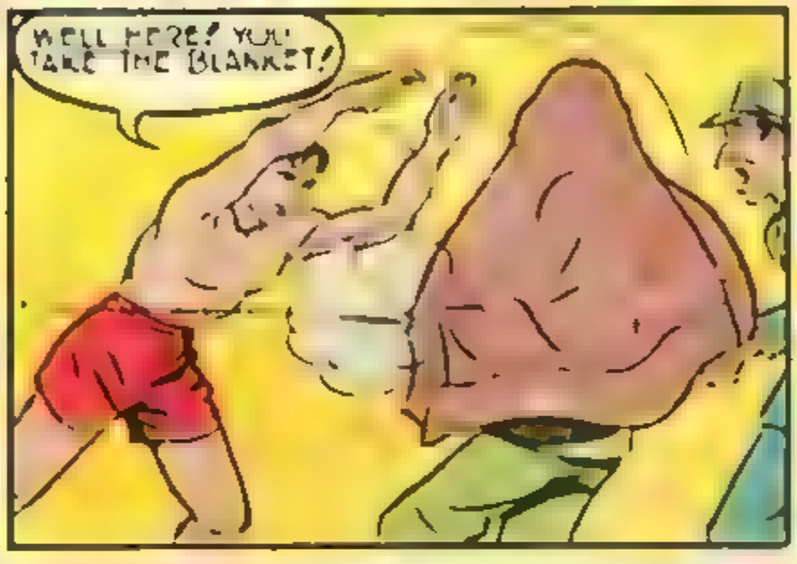
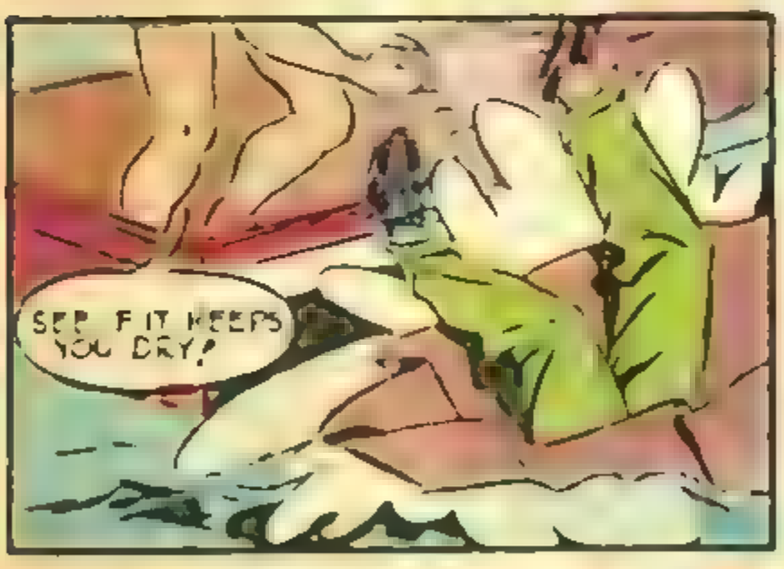
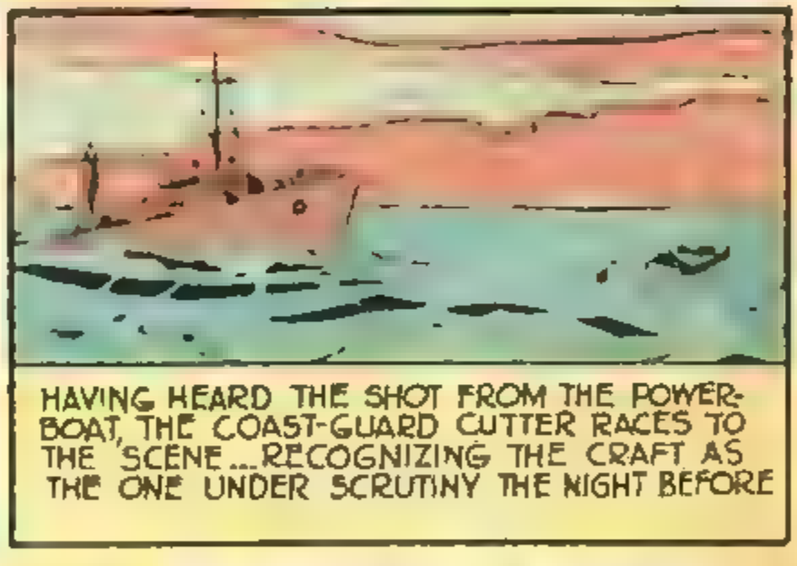

COME ON ABOARD SON!.. WE'LL GET YOU SOME DRY CLOTHES!

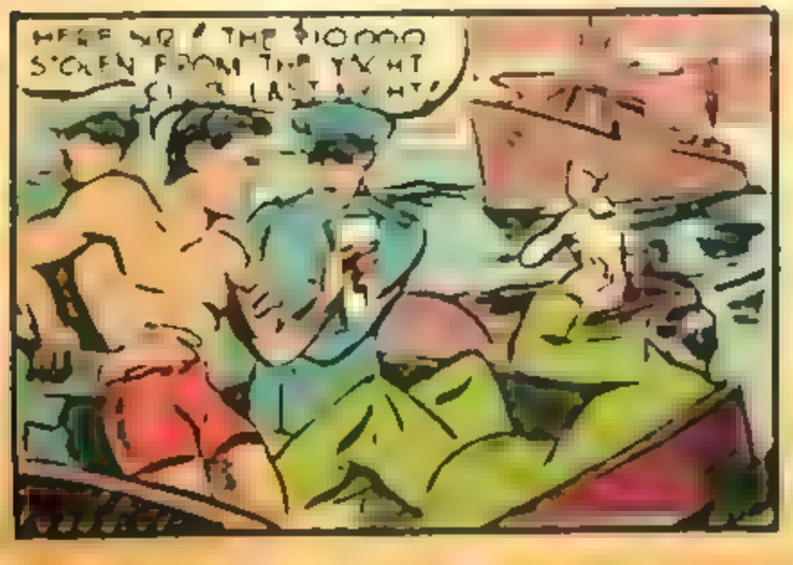

HEY, BOSS! THE MONEY'S GONE!
OH..IT IS, HUH? WELL, I KNOW WHERE IT IS!

NICE OF YOU TO GIVE ME A BLANKET.. BUT DOES THE GUN GO WITH IT?
LISTEN YOU!


WELL HERE! YOU TAKE THE BLANKET!


SEE IF IT KEEPS YOU DRY!


HAVING HEARD THE SHOT FROM THE POWER-BOAT, THE COAST-GUARD CUTTER RACES TO THE SCENE...RECOGNIZING THE CRAFT AS THE ONE UNDER SCRUTINY THE NIGHT BEFORE


HERE WE ARE! THE $10,000 STOLEN FROM THE YACHT

LATER LT. SAMPSON RECEIVES THE THANKS OF THE NAVAL ACADEMY SUPERINTENDANT
SAMPSON I'VE CALLED YOU INTO MY OFFICE SO MANY TIMES TO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR SPORTSMANSHIP AND BRAVERY THAT I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL LIKE YOU'RE MY FIRST ASSISTANT!
THE END

HEY, FELLAS! LOOKA THIS! DID I HIT THE JACKPOT! STEEL STERLING, THE BLACK HOOD, MR. JUSTICE, AND THAT LAUGH-PROVOKING DEVIL-MAY-CARE, ACE OF THE BRITISH ARMY, SERGEANT BOYLE, WITH HIS PAL (?) CORPORAL COLLINS, ALL IN ONE MAGAZINE! IT SURE IS A JACKPOT!
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FLY WITH JOE CONEY 1.50
EEEE!
HELP!
GREAT LORD!
CRASH
LUCKY! THE PLANE'S ABLAZE!.. YOU CAN'T SAVE JOE!.. YOU'LL BE KILLED YOURSELF!
NO, MAC, I GOTTA GET TO HIM!
HEY!.. COME BACK! IT'S SUICIDE!
GOT HIM!.. HOPE JOE'S OKAY!
JOE, OLD PAL!.. YOU'LL BE OKAY NOW!
NO LUCKY! CHECKIN' OUT.. ONLY SORRY BECAUSE OF MY BLIND K.D!
WAS SAV'N' FOR EYE OPERATION!.. GUESS I FAILED HIM! LOOK AFTER HIM, WILL YA, LUCKY?.. OR HE'LL BE LEFT ALL ALONE IN THE WORLD!
YOU BET I WILL JOE! AND I'LL GET HIM THAT EYE OPERATION, TOO!

LATER..
THIS IS JOE'S HOME, LUCKY!
YEAH!..GOSH!..I HATE TO TELL THE KID
LUCKY AND MAC FIND THE BLIND BOY IN THE SHACK BEHIND THE HOUSE..
HELLO SON!..YOU'RE BILLY, AREN'T YOU?
YES!
NOW LOOK KID!..ER.. AH ULP..YOU'RE..IT'S..LIKE THIS..
OH, NEVER MIND LUCKY! I'LL TELL HIM!..YOU MUST BE BRAVE, BILLY! YOUR DAD CRASHED!
THAT'S THE BRAVE LITTLE MAN! JUST LIKE YOUR DAD SAID YOU ARE!
SNIFF! SNIFF! YEAH! DAD WOULDN'T WANT ME TO BE A CRY BABY!
NICE GOIN' KID!
WHOSE PLANE IS THAT, BILLY?
DAD 'N ME BUILT IT! WE WERE GOIN' TO ENTER IT IN THE RACE AND USE THE WINNER'S PURSE FOR THE OPERATION!
HMM! DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THAT CRATE WOULD WIN ANY KIND OF A RACE!
WHY, WE'LL ENTER IT, HUH, LUCKY?
WHEE! WE CAN'T LOSE, NOW!
ER... AH..SURE!.. YOU BET!
NEXT DAY..
HEY, BOSS!..I JUST COME FROM THE ENTRY OFFICE! LUCKY LARSON IS GONNA FLY AGAINST US!
AH!... SO WHAT? WE GOT THE FASTEST LOADS IN THE AIR!
BUT BETTER CHECK UP ON H.M. ANYWAY! THAT LARSON'S TOO GOOD A PILOT TO FOOL WITH!
THAT'S RIGHT, BOSS!

ALL RIGHT! I'LL TAKE HER UP IN A TRIAL SPIN NOW!
GIVE HER THE GUN LUCKY! ..SHE CAN TAKE IT!
S'LONG, LUCKY!
S'LONG KIDS! BE RIGHT BACK!
..P IN THE AIR..
I'LL BE!... THIS CRATE'S REALLY GOT A MOTOR UNDER IT!
LUCKY SENDS THE PLANE THROUGH ITS PACES!
WOW!. SHE HANDLES LIKE A BABY CARRIAGE!
WHILE SPYING FROM BELOW..
HOLY MACKERAL! WAIT TILL THE BOSS HEARS ABOUT THIS!
I TELL YA BOSS! I THINK THAT LAWSONS GOT A WINNER!
WHAT? I GOT TOO MUCH DOUGH TIED UP IN MY ENTRY PLANES TO TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH HIM!
WAIT A MINUTE! I GOT AN IDEA HOW TO KEEP THAT GUY ON THE GROUND! NOW LISTEN CLOSELY! ONE OF YOU BOYS GO RIGHT BACK TO HIS HANGAR!
I'LL GO, BOSS!
LATER..
OOOF!
WHACK
NOW I'LL POUR THIS GIN OVER HIM!

LUCKY, UNCONSCIOUS IS TAKEN UP IN HIS PLANE BY HIS ASSAILANT.....
NOW, I'LL PULL A COUPLA STUNTS!
FOR A STARTER, WE'LL TAKE IN SOME WASHING!
OO!.. HELP!
WATCH OUT! YOU CRAZY FOOL!
DOWN EVERYBODY!
THE AIRPLANE LICENSE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE IS DELUGED WITH COMPLAINTS...
WHAT? LARSON'S PLANE AGAIN? HAS THAT GUY GONE CRAZY?
I'VE LANDED RIGHT BY THE COMMISSIONER'S BUILDING!..'N LARSON'S COMIN' TO! NOW FOR A QUICK GET-A-WAY!
LUCKY STAGGERS FROM HIS PLANE AS THE COMMISSIONER STORMS UP.....
THE COLOSSAL NERVE ...LANDING RIGHT UNDER MY NOSE, TOO!
WH..WHERE AM I?... WHAT HAPPENED?
DRUNK AS A LORD! OKAY, LARSON!..YOU'RE FINISHED AS A FLIER! I'M REVOKING YOUR LICENSE!
LATER..
I WAS FRAMED, ALL RIGHT! BUT I WON'T GET A HEARING TILL AFTER THE RACE!
BUT THAT MEANS NO PURSE!..AND NO OPERATION MONEY!
LOOK!..I'M TAKING THAT PLANE UP, LUCKY!
BUT, MAC, YOU CAN'T!
GEE!.. LET 'ER DO IT, LUCKY!.. PLEASE!
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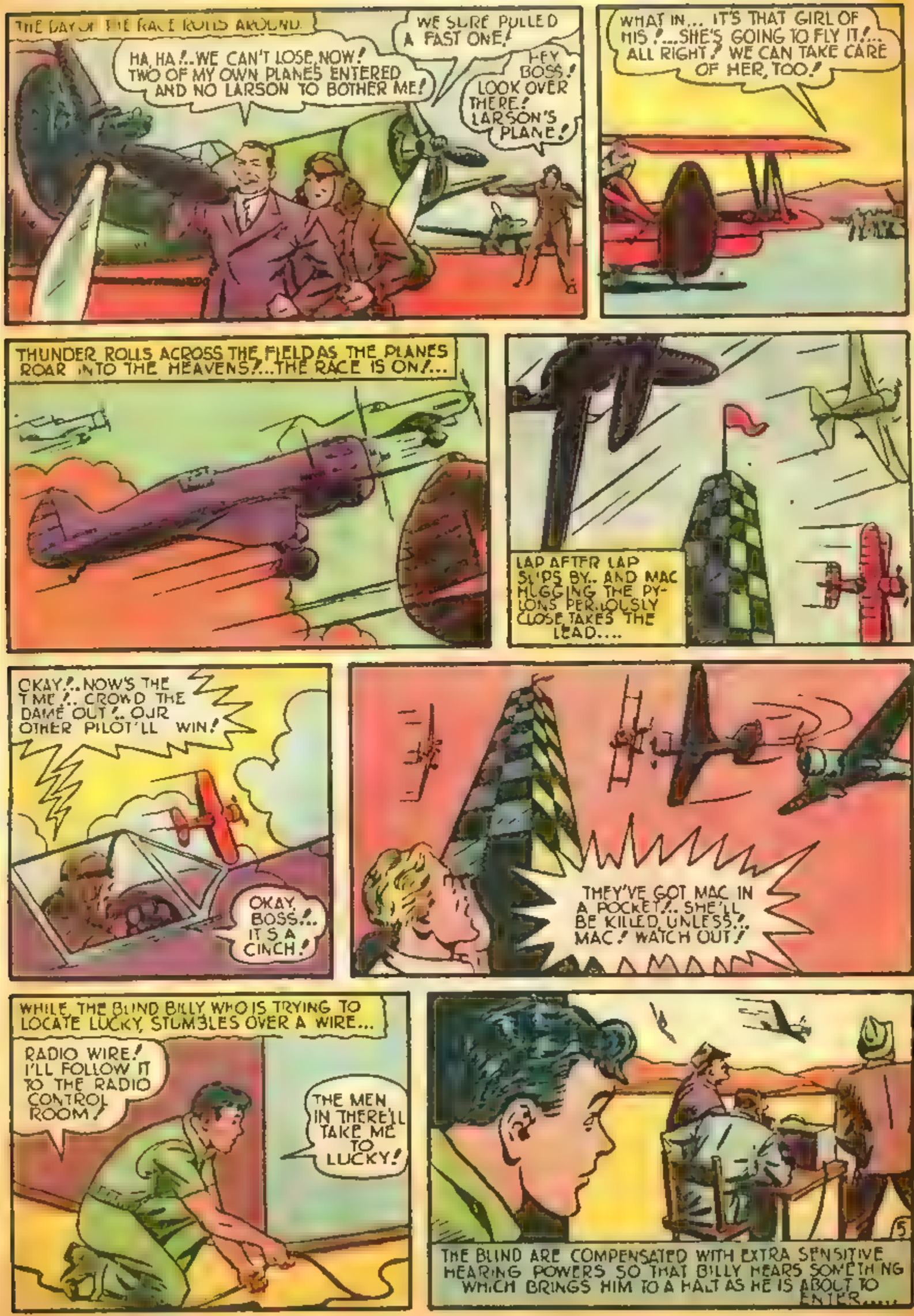
THE DAY OF THE RACE ROLLS AROUND.
HA, HA!..WE CAN'T LOSE NOW! TWO OF MY OWN PLANES ENTERED AND NO LARSON TO BOTHER ME!
WE SURE PULLED A FAST ONE!
HEY BOSS! LOOK OVER THERE! LARSON'S PLANE!
WHAT IN... IT'S THAT GIRL OF HIS!...SHE'S GOING TO FLY IT!... ALL RIGHT! WE CAN TAKE CARE OF HER, TOO!
THUNDER ROLLS ACROSS THE FIELD AS THE PLANES ROAR INTO THE HEAVENS!...THE RACE IS ON!...
LAP AFTER LAP SLIPS BY.. AND MAC HUGGING THE PYLONS PERILOUSLY CLOSE TAKES THE LEAD....
OKAY!..NOW'S THE TIME!.. CROWD THE DAME OUT!.. OUR OTHER PILOT'LL WIN!
OKAY, BOSS!... IT'S A CINCH!
THEY'VE GOT MAC IN A POCKET!.. SHE'LL BE KILLED UNLESS!.. MAC! WATCH OUT!
WHILE, THE BLIND BILLY WHO IS TRYING TO LOCATE LUCKY, STUMBLES OVER A WIRE...
RADIO WIRE! I'LL FOLLOW IT TO THE RADIO CONTROL ROOM!
THE MEN IN THERE'LL TAKE ME TO LUCKY!
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THE BLIND ARE COMPENSATED WITH EXTRA SENSITIVE HEARING POWERS SO THAT BILLY HEARS SOMETHING WHICH BRINGS HIM TO A HALT AS HE IS ABOUT TO ENTER....

BILLY GETS SOMEBODY TO TAKE HIM TO LUCKY
WHAT'S UP, KID?
LUCKY! LUCKY! GULP! GEE WHIZ!
'N SO I HEARD RADIO INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP MAC IN A POCKET! 'N CRASH HER, IF NECESSARY!
WHY THE DIRTY!... C'MON, KID!
OH! SO IT'S YOU, WIDMER!.. GET AWAY FROM THAT MIKE!
LARSON! GET HIM, MEN!
SURE!..COME AND GET ME, YOU CHEAP STOOGES!
BOP
OW!
ZOCK
..AND HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE FOR YOU TO GET!
NOW TELL THOSE PILOTS OF YOURS TO KEEP AWAY FROM MAC!..AND THEN WE'RE GOING OVER TO THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE!
ALL...ALL RIGHT! B-BUT DON'T HIT ME, AGAIN!
IT WAS WIDMER WHO FRAMED ME COMMISSIONER!...I THINK HE'LL ADMIT IT NOW!
Y-YES!..IT..IT WAS ALL A GAG, COMMISSIONER!
GAG..HUH?...WELL IT WON'T BE SO FUNNY FOR YOU!.. YOU'LL NEVER OPERATE ANOTHER PLANE!
LUCKY TURNS ON THE RADIO FOR THE RACE RESULTS..
FLASH...MAXINE WESTLAND HAS JUST FLASHED ACROSS THE FINISH LINE...THE WINNER!
WOW!..SHE D-D IT! GOOD OLD MAC!
WELL! CAN I FLY...OR CAN I FLY!... FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS!
WHEE!
AND YOU'LL GET YOUR OPERATION, BILLY!
THE END

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BUT FIRST BREAKING THE LAW HE HAD SWORN TO UPHOLD!
WAS THIS A PRE-HISTORIC BEAST
HEARTS OF ALL HOLLYWOOD OR WAS
DESIGNED; THAT ONLY THE WIZARD COULD FRUSTRATE!
CAME OUT OF THE MIST TO
AND
OF THEIR CAREERS!..
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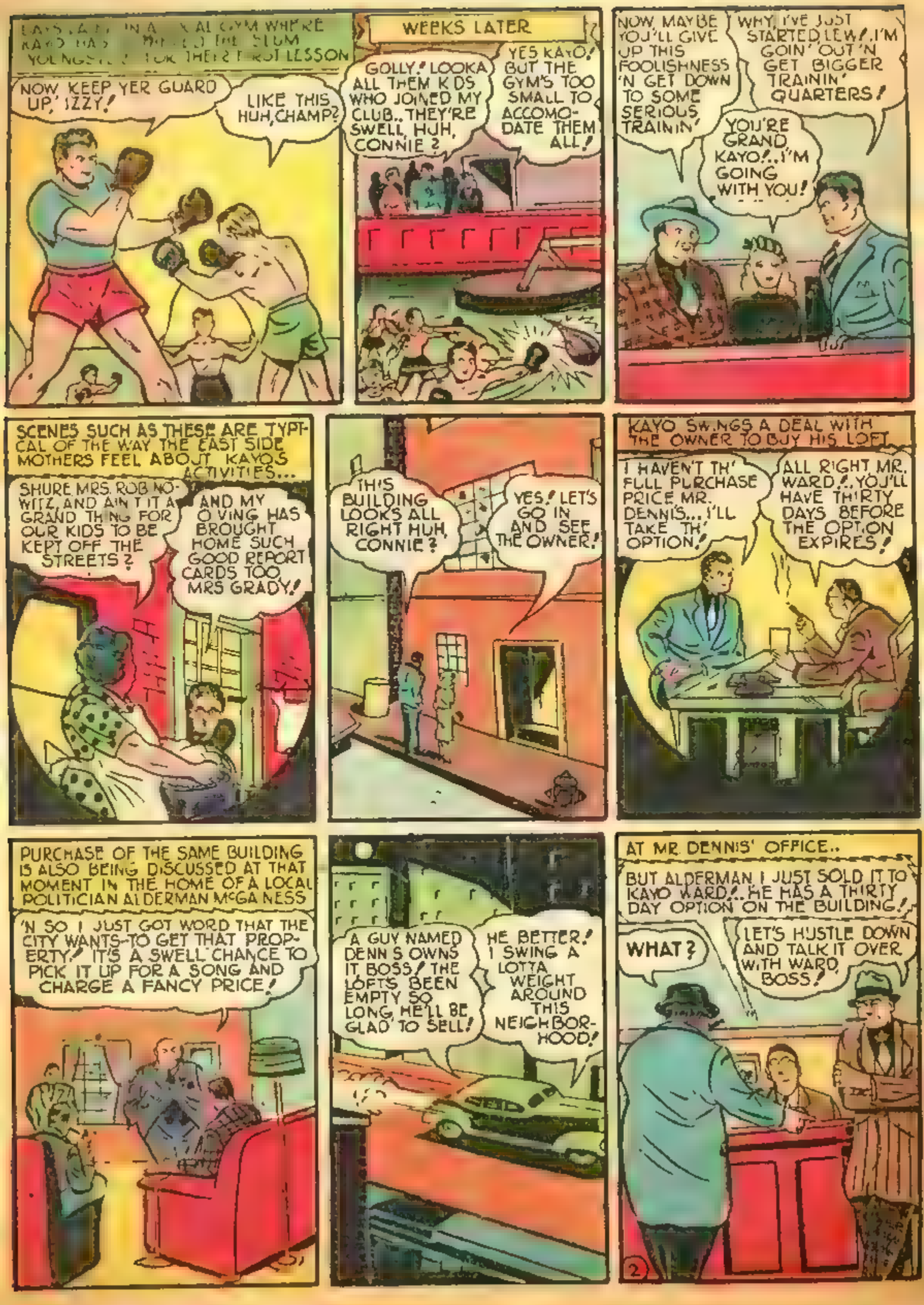
KAYO WARD
LOOK!.. A STREET FIGHT, LEW!.. STOP THE CAR!
KAYO WARD HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD, AND HIS MANAGER, LEW BLACK, ARE DRIVING THRU THE CITY SLUMS AND SEE....
HERE, BREAK IT UP YOUSE KIDS!
AW, LEGGO OF 'EM, YA BIG JERK!
LEMME AT THE BUM!.. I'LL TEAR 'IM APART!
TCH, TCH! FIGHTIN'S ALL RIGHT, BUT NOT IN THE STREETS!.. THAT'S BEIN' HOODLUMS!
GEE WHIZ, GANG! IT'S THE CHAMP, KAYO KAYO WARD!
SELF PERTECTION IS A FINE THING TO LEARN...AND IF YOUSE KIDS ARE WILLIN', I'LL TEACH IT TO YA IN A GYM!
HOLY CHEE! YA HEAR THAT, GANG!.. TH' CHAMP'S GONNA TEACH US HOW TO BOX
YA GONE WHACKY, KAYO? YA GOT NO TIME..'YA GOT A BIG FIGHT WITH SLASHER SMITH, SOON!
GETTIN' THESE KIDS OFF THE STREET IS A LOT MORE IMPORTANT, LEW!


NOW, KEEP YER GUARD UP, IZZY!
LIKE THIS HUH, CHAMP?
WEEKS LATER
GOLLY! LOOKA ALL THEM KIDS WHO JOINED MY CLUB.. THEY'RE SWELL, HUH, CONNIE?
YES KAYO! BUT THE GYM'S TOO SMALL TO ACCOMODATE THEM ALL!
NOW, MAYBE YOU'LL GIVE UP THIS FOOLISHNESS 'N GET DOWN TO SOME SERIOUS TRAININ'
WHY, I'VE JUST STARTED, LEW! I'M GOIN' OUT 'N GET BIGGER TRAININ' QUARTERS!
YOU'RE GRAND, KAYO!.. I'M GOING WITH YOU!
SCENES SUCH AS THESE ARE TYPICAL OF THE WAY THE EAST SIDE MOTHERS FEEL ABOUT KAYO'S ACTIVITIES...
SHURE, MRS. ROBNOWITZ, AND AIN'T IT A GRAND THING FOR OUR KIDS TO BE KEPT OFF THE STREETS?
AND MY OVING HAS BROUGHT HOME SUCH GOOD REPORT CARDS TOO, MRS GRADY!
THIS BUILDING LOOKS ALL RIGHT HUH, CONNIE?
YES! LET'S GO IN AND SEE THE OWNER!
KAYO SWINGS A DEAL WITH THE OWNER TO BUY HIS LOFT
I HAVEN'T TH' FULL PURCHASE PRICE MR. DENNIS... I'LL TAKE TH' OPTION!
ALL RIGHT MR. WARD!.. YOU'LL HAVE THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE OPTION EXPIRES!
PURCHASE OF THE SAME BUILDING IS ALSO BEING DISCUSSED AT THAT MOMENT IN THE HOME OF A LOCAL POLITICIAN ALDERMAN McGANESS
'N SO I JUST GOT WORD THAT THE CITY WANTS TO GET THAT PROPERTY! IT'S A SWELL CHANCE TO PICK IT UP FOR A SONG AND CHARGE A FANCY PRICE!
A GUY NAMED DENNIS OWNS IT BOSS! THE LOFTS BEEN EMPTY SO LONG, HE'LL BE GLAD TO SELL!
HE BETTER! I SWING A LOTTA WEIGHT AROUND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD!
AT MR. DENNIS' OFFICE..
BUT ALDERMAN, I JUST SOLD IT TO KAYO WARD!.. HE HAS A THIRTY DAY OPTION ON THE BUILDING!
WHAT?
LET'S HUSTLE DOWN AND TALK IT OVER WITH WARD, BOSS!
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HELLO, CHAMP! I'M ALDERMAN McGAINESS! I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS A LITTLE BUSINESS PROPOSITION WITH YOU!
PLEASED TO MEETCHA!
?
YOU CAN MAKE A NICE BUCK IF YOU'LL SELL ME YOUR OPTION! ...WHADDA YA WANNA FOOL AROUND WITH THESE GUTTER-SNIPES FOR!..BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE, YOU KNOW, HA, HA!
NUTHIN' DOIN!..I BOUGHT THIS FER A GYM FER THE KIDS 'N THAT'S WHAT IT'S GONNA BE!
BUT I'LL GIVE YOU TWICE WHAT YA PAID!..THREE TIMES!
STUBBORN EH!.. WELL, YOUR OPTION'S UP IN THIRTY DAYS! ..WHERE'LL YOU GET TH' REST OF THE MONEY, HUH?
I'LL BE ABLE TO RAISE THAT EASY IN MY NEXT FIGHT!.. NOW, GET OUT!
WANT US TO THROW THE BUZZARD OUT, CHAMP?
RAISE IT IN HIS NEXT FIGHT, EH?..WELL, WE'LL SEE IF HE FIGHTS IN TIME TO COVER THAT OPTION!
HAW HAW
B'R'AC'K!
NOW YOU GOT THAT STRAIGHT, SLICKER? NO SLIP-UPS!
IT'S A CINCH, ALDERMAN!..I'LL HAVE THAT WARD'S WALLET FER YOU IN TEN MINUTES!
AS KAYO WALKS OUT OF HIS GYM, THE LOITERING FIGURE OF SLICKER CASUALLY BUMPS INTO H M..
OOPS!
SORRY, PAL!.. DIDN'T SEE YOU!
THE NIGHT OF KAYO'S FIGHT...
SORRY I CAN'T TAKE YOU KIDS WITH ME! IT'LL KEEP YOU UP TOO LATE!
C'MON, SNAP IT UP KAYO!
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JUST THEN...
THERE HE IS, OFFICER!
?
WE GOT A WARRANT FER YOUR ARREST, WARD! YOUR WALLET WAS FOUND AT THE SCENE OF A ROBBERY! COME WITH US!
B BUT, IT'S ALL SOME 'CRAZY MISTAKE!
IT'S NO MISTAKE! HE'S THE MAN, ALL RIGHT!
WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE FIGHT AT LEAST, WILL YA?
NOT A CHANCE! DO YA COME QUIET, OR DO I HAVE TO GIVE YOU THE BUSINESS?
IT'S A FRAME-UP!
SUDDENLY ONE OF THE KIDS LEAP AT THE DETECTIVE AND
OOFF!
YA AIN'T GONNA ARREST TH' CHAMP!
..A GENERAL FIST FIGHT ENSUES
C'MON, KID NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO MAKE A BREAK!
B.. BUT, LEW!.. TH' KIDS!... UH!, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT!
WARD'S ESCAPED!.. DON'T LET HIM GET INTO THAT GARDEN! CALL THE RIOT SQUAD!
HOW'S ABOUT IT, KIDS! ARE WE GONNA LET THAT POLITICIAN GET AWAY WITH IT?
NO PUNCHY!
MEANWHILE CONNIE IS ALSO BUSY MAKING THE ROUNDS AMONG THE MOTHERS...
WA.T TIL I GET MY HAT!
OKAY!.. THEN FOLLOW ME! WE'RE GOIN' DOWN TO THAT GARDEN, TOO!
YEA!
YOU BETCHA!
AND SO IF HE PREVENTS KAYO FROM FIGHTING, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET THE MONEY FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S GYM!
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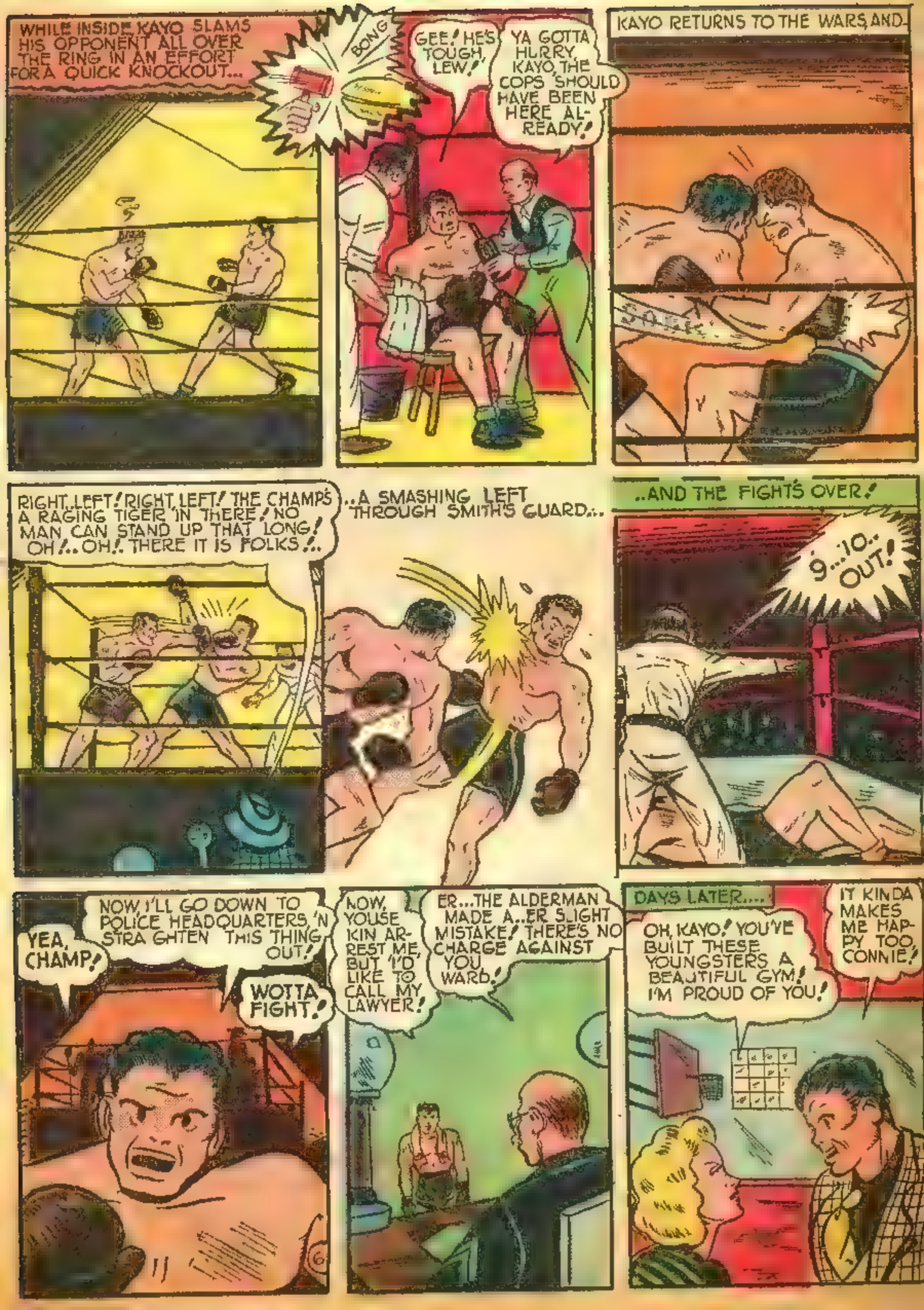
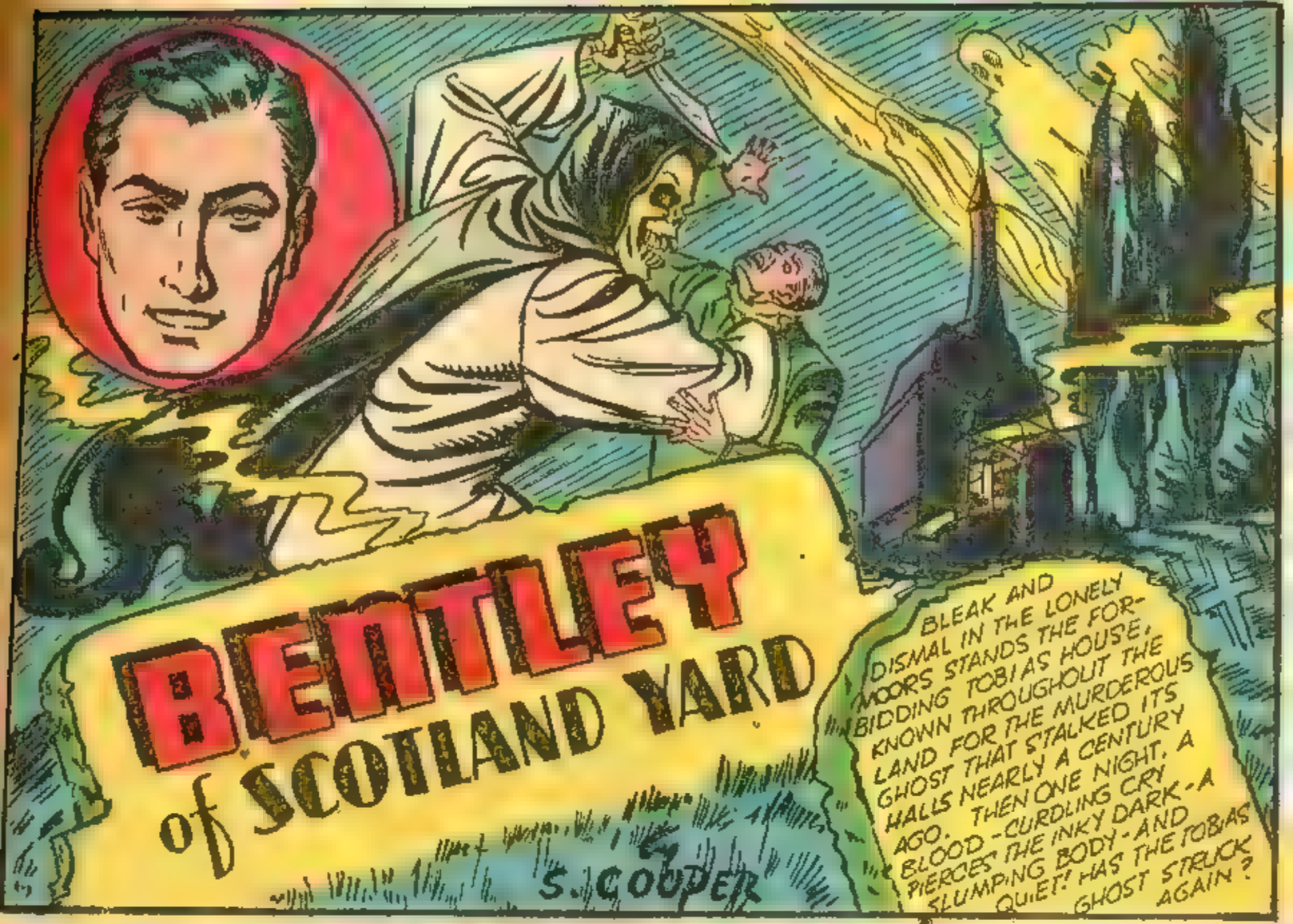
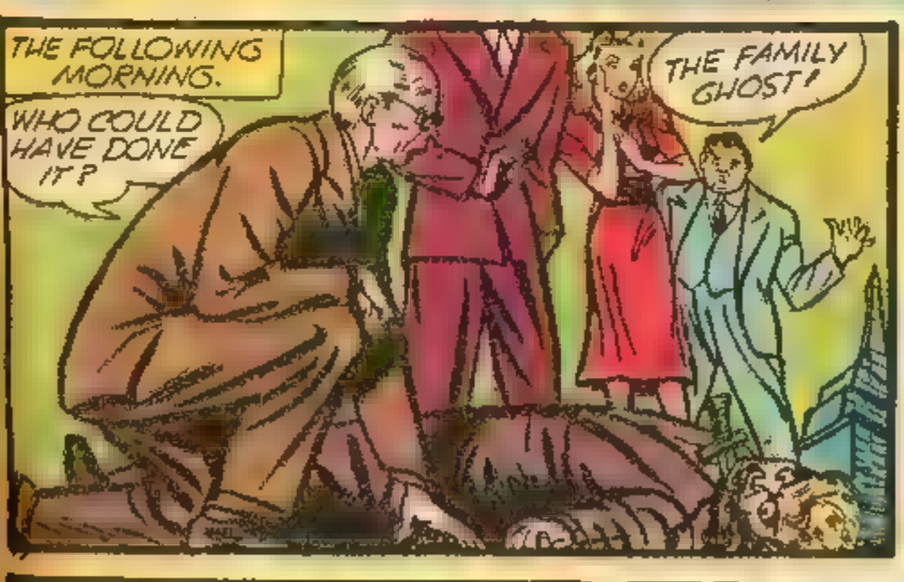
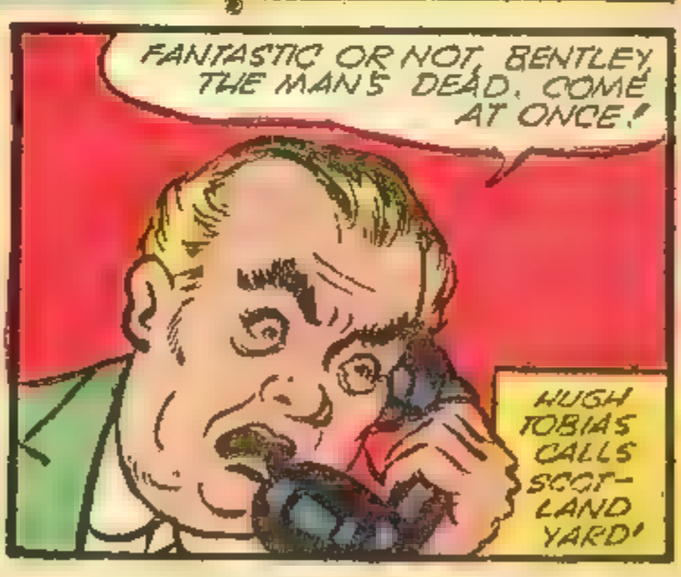
CONNEPLES THE CLAMORING MOTHERS INTO TAXIS AND ALL GO RACING TO THE GARDEN..
THE DIRTY- --- !!
PASTA FAZOOLE! WE SHOW-A DEM!
A ONION SHOULD GROW FROM DOT OLDER-MAN'S HEAD!
WHILE IN THE RING..
GEE THE COPS'LL BE HERE ANY MINUTE TO STOP TH' FIGHT!
YA GOTTA FINISH HIM OFF, QUICK, CHAMP!
THE RIOT SQUAD ARRIVES AT THE GARDEN...
GARDEN
AND ARE MET BY A STRANGE RECEPTION COMMITTEE
ONE SIDE, LADY!
YEAH, MOVE!
SHURE!..AND WHO'S GONNA MAKE ME!
JUST LAY A HAND ON ME, AND BEGORRA, I'LL BEND THIS AROUND YER HEAD LIKE A PRETZEL!
WHILE AT ANOTHER ENTRANCE..
NOO! UND I SAY, YOU'LL GETTING INTO D.S PLACE OVER MY DEAD BODY!
BUT LADY!..I'M THE LAW!..YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME!
GET THIS TRASH OUT OF THE WAY OFFICER!
IT'S TH' CROOKED POLITICIAN, MOMMY!...TAKE DAT!
OWOO!
UND HERE'S SOMET'ING ELSE FOR YOU, LOW LIFER!
YI..!..!..!

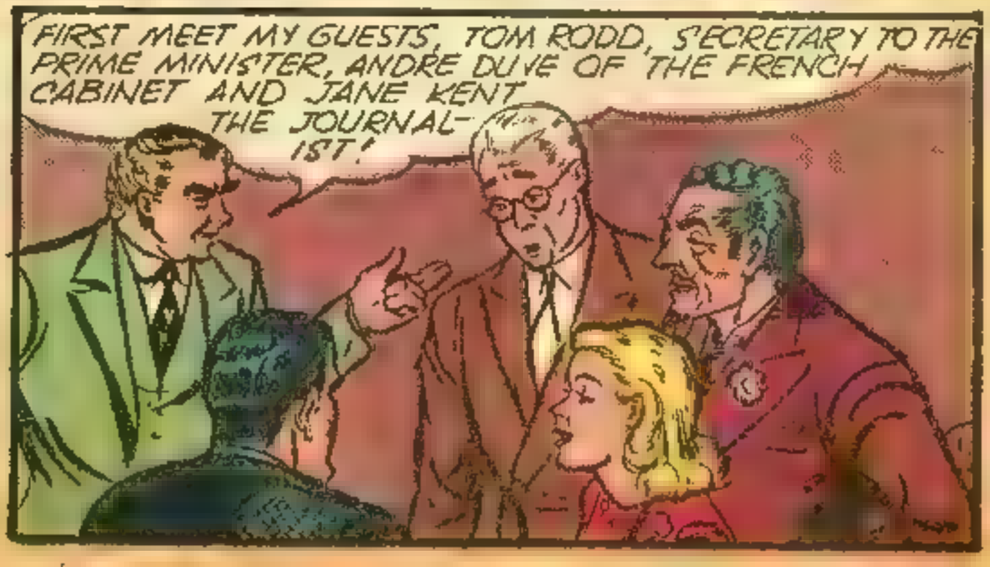

WHILE INSIDE KAYO SLAMS HIS OPPONENT ALL OVER THE RING IN AN EFFORT FOR A QUICK KNOCKOUT...
BONG
GEE! HE'S TOUGH, LEW!
YA GOTTA HURRY, KAYO, THE COPS SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE ALREADY!
KAYO RETURNS TO THE WARS, AND..
RIGHT, LEFT! RIGHT, LEFT! THE CHAMP'S A RAGING TIGER IN THERE! NO MAN CAN STAND UP THAT LONG! OH!.. OH!. THERE IT IS FOLKS!..
..A SMASHING LEFT THROUGH SMITH'S GUARD...
..AND THE FIGHT'S OVER!
9...10.. OUT!
YEA, CHAMP!
NOW, I'LL GO DOWN TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS 'N STRAIGHTEN THIS THING OUT!
WOTTA FIGHT!
NOW, YOUSE KIN ARREST ME, BUT I'D LIKE TO CALL MY LAWYER!
ER...THE ALDERMAN MADE A..ER SLIGHT MISTAKE! THERE'S NO CHARGE AGAINST YOU WARD!
DAYS LATER....
OH, KAYO! YOU'VE BUILT THESE YOUNGSTERS A BEAUTIFUL GYM! I'M PROUD OF YOU!
IT KINDA MAKES ME HAPPY TOO, CONNIE!


BENTLEY
of SCOTLAND YARD
by S. J. COOPER
BLEAK AND DISMAL IN THE LONELY MOORS STANDS THE FORBIDDING TOBIAS HOUSE, KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE LAND FOR THE MURDEROUS GHOST THAT STALKED ITS HALLS NEARLY A CENTURY AGO. THEN ONE NIGHT, A BLOOD-CURDLING CRY PIERCES THE INKY DARK-A SLUMPING BODY-AND QUIET! HAS THE TOBIAS GHOST STRUCK AGAIN?


THE FOLLOWING MORNING.
WHO COULD HAVE DONE IT?
THE FAMILY GHOST!


FANTASTIC OR NOT, BENTLEY, THE MAN'S DEAD. COME AT ONCE!
HUGH TOBIAS CALLS SCOTLAND YARD!

AND A SHORT TIME LATER, BENTLEY ARRIVES
I CAME AS FAST AS I COULD!


FIRST MEET MY GUESTS, TOM RODD, SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER, ANDRE DUVE OF THE FRENCH CABINET AND JANE KENT THE JOURNALIST!

YOU KNEW THE IDENTITY OF THE DEAD MAN?
YES, HE WAS A SECRET SERVICE MAN GUARDING DUNE'
THAT'S RIGHT. THIS AFTERNOON I RECEIVED THIS MESSAGE FROM HIM
SPY? WHAT OF MY SECRET MISSION?
OH BOY! A STORY!
DEAR, DEAR WHAT WILL THE PRIME MINISTER SAY?
WHAT NOW, BENTLEY?
and have reason to believe spy ring operating from radio hidden in grounds. Will keep eyes open and report anything suspicious to de yard...
Powers
I'M GOING TO TAKE POWERS' ROOM AND START INVESTIGATING FROM THERE!
LATER, THAT NIGHT
AHA! THE GHOST WALKS! HE'S PULLING THE SAME STUNT ON ME AS HE DID ON POWERS!
BUT I'M SUCKER ENOUGH TO TAKE A CHANCE AND FOLLOW HIM!
OH! OH! WHERE THE DEVIL DID HE GO!
HE WAS HEADING FOR THE MALSOLEUM!
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NOW, BENTLEY, YOU MUST PAY FOR SNOOPING!
AT THAT MOMENT.
I-I SAY, ANYBODY IN HERE?
I SAY, BENTLEY- OH- THERE GOES THE LIGHT.
AS THE "GHOST" SNEAKS OUT THROUGH A BACK EXIT A SUDDEN BREEZE EXTINGUISHES THE CANDLE!
OVER HERE MISS KENT. STRIKE A MATCH!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M OKAY. DID HE PASS YOU?
WHO? I FELT NOTHING BUT A STRONG WIND!
HMM! THAT'S AN ODD LOOKING TOWER TO BE ON A CRYPT... AND IT LOOKS NEW, TOO!
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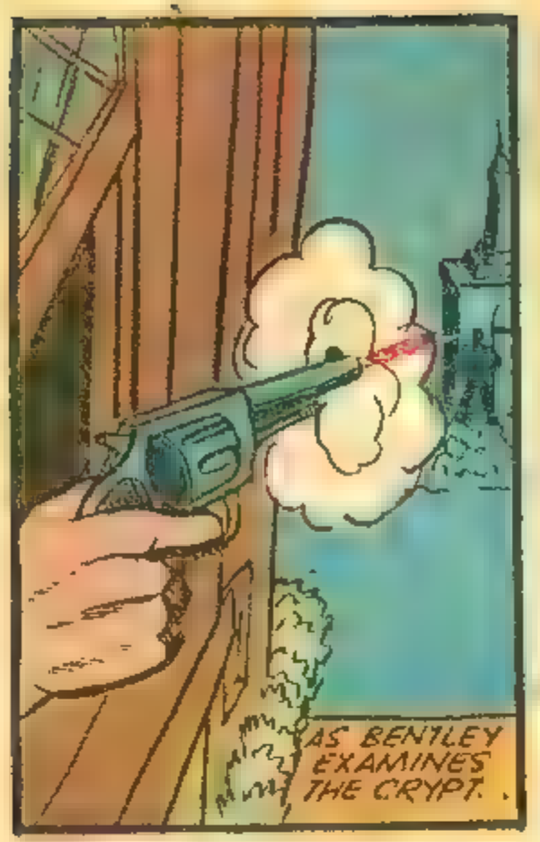
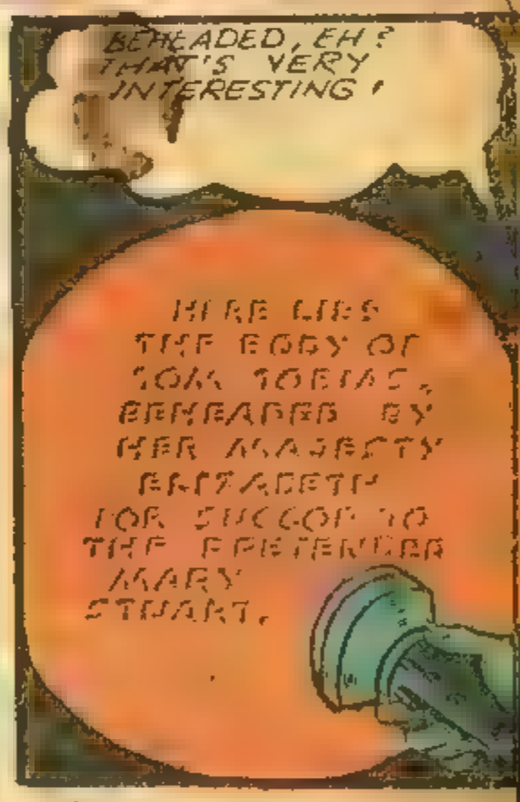

AS BENTLEY EXAMINES THE CRYPT.

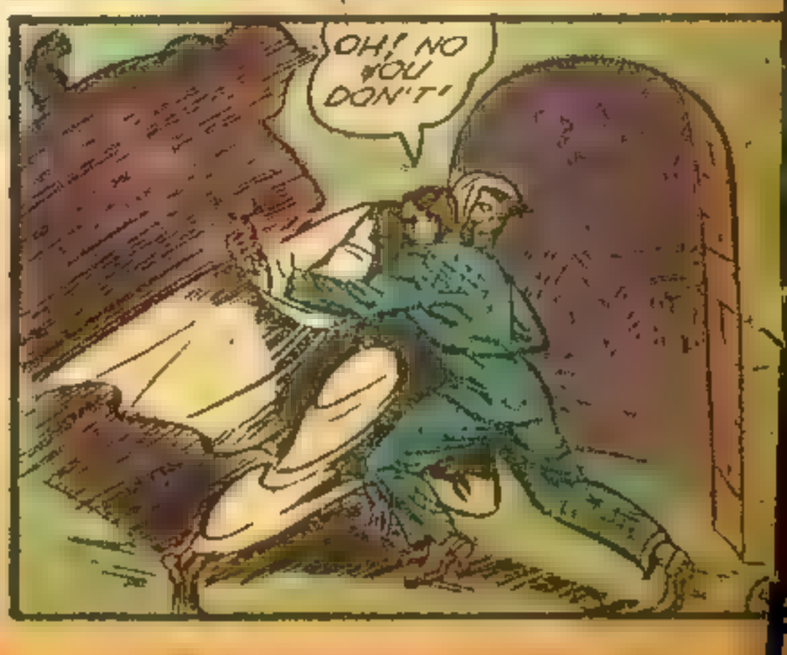
AHA! SHOOTING AT ME? I MUST BE GETTING WARM!

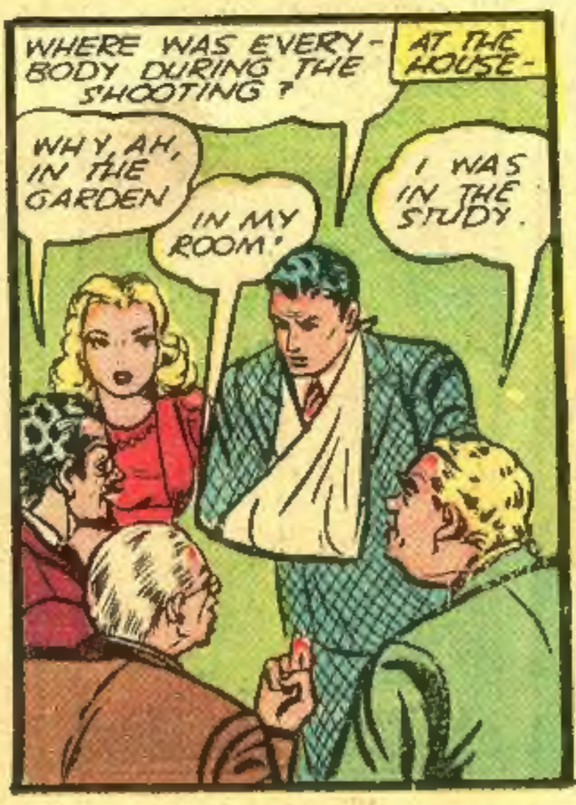
I HEARD IT, BUT I WAS OUT BACK!
BACK AT THE HOUSE.
BY THE TIME I GOT UPSTAIRS, NO ONE WAS HERE.
I FIRED NO SHOT, INSPECTOR
NOR I!

SOMEHOW, I'M CONVINCED THE SECRET LIES IN THAT CRYPT. SOMEONE IS TRYING TO KEEP ME AWAY FROM THERE!

THAT NIGHT BENTLEY RETURNS TO THE CRYPT -
HELLO, WHAT'S THAT?


BEHEADED, EH? THAT'S VERY INTERESTING!
HERE LIES THE BODY OF TOM TOBIAS, BEHEADED BY HER MAJESTY ELIZABETH FOR SUCCOR TO THE PRETENDER MARY STUART.


OH! NO YOU DON'T!



BENTLEY KNOWS THE SECRET OF THE INHOSPITABLE GHOST, DO YOU! ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IS THE MURDERER OF POWERS, THE SECRET SERVICE MAN. CHECK YOUR CHOICE, THEN READ BENTLEY'S SOLUTION ON THE NEXT PAGE!

JOAN KENT....
TOM RODD....
HUGH TOBIAS....
ANDRE DUVE....

NOW TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE.

I KNEW I SHOULD HAVE KILLED YOU!
NOT.. MR. TOBIAS!
YES. A SPY AND A TRAITOR!
TRAITOR OR NOT, I'VE DONE WHAT I SET OUT TO DO!
DROP THAT GUN. YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
UNDER ARREST? WHY, I'LL - UGH!
HUGH TOBIAS, A TRAITOR? WHAT A STORY!
WITH A GUN THAT WAS BANDAGED, INTO HIS SLING, BENTLEY FIRES FIRST!
HOW DID YOU SUSPECT?
I WAS LOOKING FOR A RADIO. THAT'S WHAT POWERS CAME OUT HERE TO FIND.
SOMEONE WAS SENDING INFORMATION TO THE ENEMY. I DECIDED THAT THE TOWER WOULD MAKE A PERFECT RADIO ANTENNA.
THEN WHEN I READ THE INSCRIPTION ON THE TOMB, I KNEW IT WAS EMPTY - THEY ALWAYS BURNED TRAITORS' BODIES - TOBIAS' HATRED FOR HIS COUNTRY BETRAYED HIM!
OH! I BEGIN TO CATCH ON NOW!
...AND THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD HAVE INSTALLED A RADIO TOWER HERE WAS TOBIAS
I KNEW THE "GHOST" WAS TRYING TO LURE ME INTO THE OPEN. I REVERSED THE PROCEDURE AND BROUGHT HIM OUTSIDE. HIS, MISS KENT'S AND MINE ARE THE ONLY SHOES CARRYING THE DUST OF THE CRYPT!
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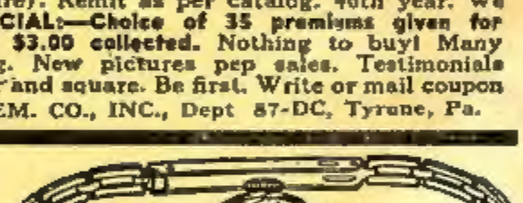

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